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Development of Buxar Railway Junction

1737. SHRI TEJ NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop the Buxar Railway Junction in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Development of stations is a continuous process and the same is done as per norms, based on volume of traffic dealt with, subject to availability of funds etc. Work of extension of shed over Down Platform, at a cost of Rs. 2.34 lakh at Buxar has already been taken up.

(c) Does not arise.

Promotion of Tourism in Bundelkhand Division

1738. SHRI V. N. SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any central plan for the coordinated development of tourist centres located in the Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results of efforts made in the past in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Formulation of plan for development of tourist centres (and tourism infrastructure therein is primarily the the responsibility of the concerned State

Governments. However, the Central Government extends some financial assistance in respect of specific proposals received from the State Governments.

In respect of Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, the Central Department of Tourism has extended financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure at Kalinjar, Auriya, Jhansi, Khatwah, Panna, Datia and Orcha.

[*English*]

ITDC Hotel Projects in Kerala

1739. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested to the Union Government for setting up of any project of Star Hotels under the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHARAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh

1740. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan is under consideration of the Government for the development of Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard?