

**Tourism Industry**

2972. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:  
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:  
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:  
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Tourism industry unlikely to gain' appearing in Hindustan Times dated July 20, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the impact of devaluation of Indian rupee on tourism industry?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The depreciation of rupee is expected to benefit the tourism industry because all the items of expenditure except Indian airlines fares and hotel tariffs are quoted in rupee terms and as such the foreign tourists would find them cheaper in the country.

**Allotment of Plot to Private Party by International Airports Authority of India**

2973. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:  
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:  
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:  
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plot near Palam, Delhi owned by the International Airports Authority of India has been allotted by the Government

to a Private party;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct an enquiry into the matter; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a part of the airport infrastructure development, IAAI has allotted a plot of land measuring 6.9.21 acres for setting up a 5-Star Hotel near IGI Airport, Likewise, another plot of land measuring 4.9 acres (approx) has been allotted for setting up of a Motel near this airport. This allotment was made on the basis of open tenders and as per existing policies for allotment of lands for flight kitchens and hotels, etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No irregularity has been brought to the notice of the Government in this matter.

[*Translation*]

**Fire Incidents at New Delhi Station**

2974. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of fire in 1st class/1nd class passenger coaches at New Delhi railway station during the last six months;

(b) the number of persons killed and the estimated loss of property in these incidents;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the causes of these fire incidents; and

(d) if so, the action taken against the personnel found responsible for this?