

(b) During the years 1988, 1989 and 1990, twelve companies have entered into foreign collaborations relating to hotel industry.

(c) the Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

Setting Up of duty free shops with NRI investments

3199. SHRISHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a network of duty free shops with Non-resident investments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) and (b) Global tenders have been invited by the International Airports Authority of India for the Development of Shopping Plaza in transit Areas of International Terminal Building at Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. This has been done with the objective of upgrading the present shopping complex as well as to enhance the present revenues of International Airports Authority of India from the shopping complex. No final decision has yet been taken on the subject.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Twelve of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: I think the question hour is over and yet I will allow Shri M. L. Fotedar to say something which he wants to say.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIM. L. FOTEDAR): Sir, Not only as a Member of Parliament or a Minister, but as a political activist, I have always respected and regarded Babasaheb Ambedkar as one of the greatest and illustrious sons of India. Perhaps some Members may not be knowing about my background about this. (*Interruptions*)

I have during my short span of 35 years of life, fought for this great man of India who gave us the concept of social justice in the Indian Constitution. Perhaps Members may not be knowing that I daily come via Gate No. 4 to Parliament House. As and when I come to Parliament, I bow my head before his statue—he was one of the greatest men of India. This is the respect that I have for Babasaheb Ambedkar.

This is the Government which has for the first time in the public sector established one of the biggest hospitals in Delhi of which the Prime Minister of India laid the foundation stone on 19th November in Rohini.

This is the first Government which, after 40 or 45 years, wants to project Babasaheb Ambedkar as the leader, as the persons, as the Messiah of the poor and the downtrodden.

That is the way I respect him. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats. We had a discussion with different leaders of different Parties and this is the desire of the Parties that the true picture is put before the House and it should be closed here. We should not prolong it.

Now I have one announcement to make.