GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURISM AND CULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3067 ANSWERED ON:09.12.2002 REDUCTION IN ROYALTY FOR DUTY FREE OUTLETS CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Tourism Development Corporation has sought reduction in royalty to be paid for duty free outlets at major airports; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The sales turnover of duty free shops having been adversely affected by a number of factors beyond control of ITDC, ITDC sought reduction inroyalty to be paid for duty free outlets. The Airports Authority of India, however, did not agree to ITDC request on the grounds that there is no provision for review/reduction in the contract granted through global tenders.