

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Air India has started an additional weekly service between Trivandrum and Abu Dhabi with effect from Summer 1992. India Airlines propose to increase the frequencies of its thrice weekly service Calicut-Sharjah-Calicut to Five times weekly with effect from 3rd May 1992.

**ITDC Hotels and Travel Agencies
for private Sector**

7066. SHRI ATAL BIHARI
VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKERSINH
VAGHELA:

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

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage private sector to run hotels and travel agencies of the India Tourism Development Corporation;

(b) whether the Government also propose to recall staff posted abroad for promotion of tourism;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Government have formulated a scheme whereby small agrops of ITDC

hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). does not arise.

Pumpsets Energised

7067. SHRI SOBHANDREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pumpsets to be energised during 1992-93, and the funds earmarked in each State;

(b) the number of applications pending as on 1 January, 1992 for sanction of electric connections to the pumpsets of farmers, state-wise; and

(c) the time by which the applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATHRAI): (a) the statewise details of allocation made by the Planning Commission for Rural Electrification Programme and the physical targets fixed for pumpsets energisation for the year 1992-93 are given in the attached Statement.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.