

country home page service through World web site and offer information on India to potential tourists in the Internet edition of news; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA)

(a) and (b). The Department of Tourism already has a home page in the worldwide web of Internet giving information about tourist attractions in India. The home page has information about various aspects of India including physical features, people and polity, climate, flora and fauna Music and dance, cuisine, shopping facilities, travel requirements/visa information, list of tourist offices worldwide, etc.

[Translation]

Production of Foodgrains

951. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been constant increase in the production of foodgrains during the past few years in the country;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains produced in the country during 1990-91 and 1995-96, separately;

(c) whether there has been a decline in per-capita availability of foodgrains in the country despite increase in production;

(d) if so, the per capita availability of foodgrains in the country during 1990-91 and 1994-95, separately;

(e) whether foodgrains have been imported due to its lesser availability; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVEANDRA PRASAD YADAV)

(a) and (b) Production of foodgrains (including pulses) during the period from 1990-91 to 1995-96 crop years is as under :

(in million tonnes)

Crop Year	Production of foodgrains
1990-91	176.39
1991-92	168.38
1992-93	179.48
1993-94	184.26
1994-95	191.10
1995-96	190.36 (likely)

(c) and (d). Per Capita Net availability of foodgrains from the year 1990 to 1995 is as under :-

(Kg./per year)	
Year	Availability of foodgrains
1990	172.5
1991	186.2
1992	171.1
1993	169.4
1994	172.0
1995	184.6

(e) and (f). Due to fall in coarse grain production in 1991-92 and consequent pressure on wheat, about 25.89 lakh tonnes of wheat was imported in 1992-93 and about 4.76 lakh tonnes of wheat was imported in 1993-94. A quantity of 86,000 tonnes and 56,000 tonnes of rice was imported during 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively. There has been no import of foodgrains except pulses after the year 1993-94.

Encroachment of P & T land in U.P.

952. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the land belonging to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs has been encroached upon by the outsiders in Azamgarh, Jaunpur and Mau districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of places thereof;

(c) the purpose for which this land was acquired by the Government; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to get the land vacated?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) Not applicable

(d) Not applicable

[English]

Financial Assistance to SCFDC

953. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the budgetary provision for providing financial assistance to Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporations during each of the last three years.

(b) the share of assistance, out of it, provided to Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation of Karnataka during the said period;

(c) whether the assistance for this Corporation of Karnataka was quite inadequate; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to increase the share of Karnataka in the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The budgetary provision made for providing assistance to SCDCs in last three years is as under :-

Year	Budget Provision
1993-94	Rs. 22.00 Crores
1994-95	Rs. 22.00 Crores
1995-96	Rs. 30.00 Crores

(b) The Assistance provided to Karnataka Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation during last three years is as under :-

Year	Assistance (Govt. of India share)
1993-94	Rs. 212.35 Lakhs
1994-95	Rs. 310.21 Lakhs
1995-96	Rs. 585.31 Lakhs

(Rs. 485.31 lakhs represents arrears of 1994-95)

(c) Under the scheme State Government and Central Government participate towards the Share Capital of Corporation in the ratio of 51:49

The details of State and Central Assistance received by Corporation of Karnataka in last three years is as follows:-

(Rs. in lakhs)		
Year	State Share	Central Share
1993-94	100.00	212.00
1994-95	828.00	310.21
		485.31 (released in 1995-96 as arrear of 1994-95)
		795.52
1995-96*	539.00	100.00

* Due to non-availability of adequate funds in the schemes in 1995-96, Central Share in entirety could not be released

(d) For the current year there is no increased budgetary allocation. The current year allocation is only Rs. 30 crores. Increase in share capital assistance from central budget is possible only with increased availability of funds.

Financial Assistance for Development of Tourism

954. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAM DAS PATEL : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :-

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided by the Union Government to Gujarat for the development of tourism during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the projects/historical places for which this assistance has been utilised; and

(c) the details of the proposals pending with the Union Government for clearance of financial assistance during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) :

(a) The Central Department of Tourism sanctioned financial assistance amounting to Rs. 94.93 lakhs to Gujarat Government for the development of tourism during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

(b) The projects assisted include the following :-

1. Tourist Complex at Nalsarovar
2. Cafeteria at Porbandar
3. Floodlighting of Somnath Temple
4. Tourist Lodge at Kuda

(c) For the year 1996-97, it has been agreed in principle to provide assistance for the following projects as and when the state govt. submits complete and detailed proposals

1. Flood lighting of Dwarkadheesh Temple at Dwarka.
2. Refurbishment of monument, Sun-Temple at Modhera
3. Refurbishment of monument Step-well at Modhera.
4. Public Convenience at Ambaji.
5. Flood lighting of Lakhota Palace Jamnagar

There are no proposals pending for financial assistance with the Department of Tourism for 1995-96

Shortage of Aircrafts in AI

955. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Air India is facing shortage of aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). Air India's present fleet of 26 owned and 5 wet leased aircraft is sufficient to operate