

Tourist Development in Darjeeling

4744. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) has submitted a memorandum to the Government regarding the development of tourism in Darjeeling:

(b) if so, the details thereof and suggestions made in the memorandum: and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No such memorandum has been received by the Central Department of tourism.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Expenditure on Vishnuprayag Multi-purpose Project

4745. SHRI BHUVAN CHANDRA KHANDURI : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the amount earmarked for the Vishnuprayag Multi-purpose Project in Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Five-Year-Plan and the amount actually spent thereon during the said period: and

(b) the amount earmarked for the Project during 1991-92 "

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) An amount of Rs. 50 crores

was approved by Planning Commission for Vishnuprayag Multi-purpose Project in Uttar Pradesh during 7th Plan Period. The actual expenditure during this period was Rs. 6 crores as per information received by Planning Commission.

(b) An amount of Rs. 1 crore was recommended by Working Group of Planning Commission for the year 1991-92.

12.00 hrs.

[Translation]

SHRI RABI RAY (Kendrapara) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw your attention and that of the House to a very serious matter. Ever since the minority Government came to power, it is ignoring the matters affecting the national interest. Mr. Speaker, Sir, in fact, I want to draw your attention and that of the House to the propaganda being made in favour of Pakistan for last 15 days. Some of our distinguished guests such as Kaufman who visited our country during the last fifteen days and the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan indulged in Pro-Pakistan propaganda. In the same manner Pro-Pakistan propaganda was indulged in by Organization of Islamic Countries. The Government has totally failed to make any more to counter the propaganda against India from these three quarters. But the silent approach of our Government indicates that the Government is not paying any heed to this matter. We are ashamed of such a thing

Mr. Speaker, Sir Mr Kaufman is the shadow Foreign Secretary of the Labour Party of Britain. If the Labour Party comes to power in Britain, he will be the Foreign Secretary. I am dis-

tressed to state that during the course of his visit to India as a State guest he said that the Kashmir issue was not a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan and it should be internationalised. Ironically he had come as a state guest.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, likewise the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan Mr. Oakley stated that Kashmir was not a part of India. Barring Syria and Algeria, the entire world knows that the Organisation of Islamic Countries in its annual conference took an adverse stand against India and stood by Pakistan's side. Along with this I was deeply hurt when ... * ... which was given a lot of assistance by our country. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to highlight the events taking place in U.S.A. and Britain. I have personally seen these things during the course of my visit to those countries.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Reference to * will not form part of record.

[Translation]

SHRI RABIRAY : Mr Speaker Sir, they are our friendly countries. Therefore, I am reluctant to raise these issues.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I saw this thing in Britain and Parliaments of other European countries. The Members of Labour Party are equating Pakistan with India in regard to Kashmir issue. During our talks on Kashmir issue I came to know that Pakistani citizens living in England pressurise the M.Ps. of that country to make a propaganda in their favour. The U.S. Congress has

conducted a research on it. In that country Indians opposing Khalistan are in majority and supporting Khalistan are in minority. The supporters of secessionism in Kashmir are in minority and they put pressure on the Congress Members to propagate in favour of Pakistan. But the research revealed that Indian population is very large in number. But they are not putting as much pressure on the US Congress Members as much as they ought to do. I am of the view that they should take a firm offensive stand so as to curb the Pakistani propaganda. I want that our foreign missions should be asked to curb their activities.

Secondly, I would like to state that the Members of Parliament and Minister of External Affairs should establish contacts with the Non Resident Indians. There is a hue and cry that all the Indians there are quiet. They are making Pro-India Propaganda. But other people who are Pro-Khalistan are supporting Pakistan. I would like to request the Government to tutor the Indians how they would retaliate the anti-India propaganda against Pakistan.

SHRI MORESHWAR SAVF (Aurangabad) : Mr Speaker Sir through this August House, I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs towards regular illegal infiltration of foreign nationals into our country. As per the reports published in various newspapers more than 60 lakh Bangladeshi infiltrators are residing in West Bengal. These foreign infiltrators, particularly Bangladeshis, have spread all over the country. According to this report more than 35 lakh foreign nationals are living in Assam.