

allocated for the development of tourism in the country. Out of this, a paltry sum of Rs. 2 crore only has been allotted for tourism development in Tamil Nadu. Moreover, for construction of 'Yatri Niwas' at Rameswaram, a meagre sum of Rs. 40 lakh has been sanctioned. I would request the Hon. Minister for Tourism to allocate at least Rs. 10 crore for the development of tourism in Tamil Nadu as sought for by the Tamil Nadu Government.

Sir, at present, ITDC hotels are available in Mahabalipuram and Madurai only, while Kodaikanal and Ooty are important hill resorts where ITDC hotels are not available. Moreover, due to recent heavy rains, highways leading to Kodaikanal and Ooty have been heavily damaged and also nine persons have lost their lives in my constituency at Pandimalai and the foreign tourists are not able to visit these places.

I would, therefore, request the Central Government to construct ITDC hotels in Kodaikanal and Ooty and also sanction funds immediately for repairing the damaged highways.

(v) Need to take steps to facilitate operations of Boeing Aircraft between Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Tirupathi and Madras sector

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Traffic to and from Vijayawada has been increasing at a substantial rate. The Government of India have stated that to meet the growing demand, Indian Airlines will take steps to operate Boeing craft to Vijayawada Airport before the end of 7th Five Year Plan. While night landing facilities have been provided, lengthening and strengthening of the runway work has not yet been grounded though land was made

available by the State Government. Meanwhile Vayudoot has taken up operations in Hyderabad-Vijayawada-Rajahmundry sector. These operations are irregular and timings unsuitable. The passengers are thus experiencing inconvenience. The operations have now been discontinued leading to severe inconvenience to the travelling public for nearly two months.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to immediately look into the matter and take necessary steps for continuation of Vayudoot operations. I also urge upon the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism to take immediate steps for lengthening and strengthening the runway to facilitate operations of Boeing Aircraft between Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Tirupathi and Madras sector.

(vi) Need to provide necessary financial assistance to Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd. at Ooty, Tamil Nadu

SHRI R. PRABHU (Nilgiris): Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited (HPF) in my constituency, Ooty, Tamil Nadu, is the only one of its kind and one of the most prestigious public sector companies in the country. It was established in 1960 on the basis of the recommendations of the Estimates Committee of Parliament.

Hindustan Photo Films manufacturers black and white products and also CTS-based x-ray films. They also import jumbo rolls of colour cine films, process and market the same in smaller sizes.

They have also started a polyester based x-ray film project in 1987 in collaboration with Du Pont of America. This will be the only project of its kind in