

Orissa to at least, provide employment to the laborers there?

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Fishery and iron-ore are very diverse fields. But I do not mind answering them. Firstly, I would like to mention that as far as the total world market for marine products is concerned, it is of the order of 50 billion dollars and out of 50 billion dollars, 40 billion dollars constitute fish products. We are encouraging to export other types of fish also to foreign markets in Europe and America. We are exporting a lot of things like cuttle fish and other varieties. In Orissa, we have made massive investments and we want to make further investment for shrimp farms and brackish shrimp farm. We are speaking to the Chief Minister in this regard. So far as iron-ore in Orissa is concerned, the hon. Member is aware that we are thinking of deepening Paradip Port also so that additional quantities can be exported. Iron-ore exports has not come down in Orissa. We want to conserve some of the iron-ore in Orissa for our own production. But there is no question of iron-ore exports coming down and there is also no question of unemployment being generated in Orissa.

[*Translation*]

Tourism Places in Maharashtra

*988. **SHRI HARI BHAI SHANKAR MAHALE:** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourist places of National and International importance in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) the steps taken for the development of these places during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of proposals for further development of these places under consideration of Government?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the

Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) To identify and develop tourist places of National and International importance is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance for strengthening of tourism infrastructure based on the specific proposals received from the State Governments, their merit, availability of funds and inter-se priority.

(b) The following projects/schemes were sanctioned by the Central Department of Tourism during the Seventh Five Year Plan:—

1. Floodlighting of Bibi-ka-Maqbara, Aurangabad
2. Provision of toilet and drinking water facilities at Ajanta, Elloranta and Ellora.
3. Cottages at Ganpatipule
4. Beach Resort at Vaineshwar
5. Yatri Niwas at Shegaon
6. Wayside facilities at Khopoli
7. Trekking equipment for Maharashtra
8. Water sports equipment.

(c) The detailed project reports alongwith estimates for Central financial assistance for the year 1990-91 are yet to be furnished by the State Government of Maharashtra.

[*Translation*]

SHRI HARIBHAI SHANKAR MAHALE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to tell the hon. Minister through you that there is no mention of an concrete programme in the details of the place of tourist interest in the State of Maharashtra, but there are 8 to 10 hotels in Delhi, like Ashoka Hotel and Samrat Hotel

which is adjacent to Ashoka Hotel. Rs. 26 crores have been spent on the latter's construction.... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Are you giving information or asking question to get information?

SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE: Is it correct that three storeys of this hotel are vacant and big officers live there? (*Interruptions*) Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no ITDC hotel in the metropolitan city of Bombay, but publications of I.T.D.C. say something else. I.T.D.C. has not paid any attention towards Maharashtra I want to know whether the implementation contained in the publicity literature is upto date?

MR. SPEAKER: Please ask about Maharashtra.

SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE: Bombay is a very big city but no hotel has been set up by the I.T.D.C. there I want to know whether it is a fact that even publicity literature is not available there?

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: I have already said that all the information regarding the development of tourism in Maharashtra during the seventh Five Year Plan is contained in the reply which has been placed on the Table of the House. So far as the hotels in Maharashtra are concerned, I can give the detail of the hotels in Maharashtra to the Hon. Member through you.

MR. SPEAKER: There is no need of giving names of the hotels in Maharashtra, please give their total number.

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: I am giving their total number only. There are 7 five star delux hotels, 10 five star hotels, 10 four star, 19 three star, 31 two star and 12 one star hotels in Maharashtra. There are 26 other hotels, which are to be classified.

SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, my question has not been replied to Rs. 26 crores have been wasted on the construction of Samrat hotel adjacent to the Ashoka Hotel and this hotel is lying

vacant. Big officers are living there. (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: About the anxiety of the hon. Member, I would like to tell that his information is not correct. The hotels run by I.T.D.C. are earning enough profits but even then it is the policy of the Government that big and costly hotel should not be constructed there but preference is being given to the construction of 'Yatri-Niwas' at different places according to the demand of the State Government... (*Interruptions*) ...

MR. SPEAKER: Mahaleji, you take your seat please. Now don't waste more time of the House as you have already asked two questions.

[*English*]

SHRI A.R. ANTULAY: As is well known, the Konkan coast of Maharashtra is one of the best tourist spots with beautiful virgin beaches and the nation can legitimately be proud of it. It is not only the coast of Maharashtra, it can well be termed as the national coast with potential for national wealth. This entire coast has many beautiful creeks. Will the hon. Minister assure the House that instead of leaving the matter to the State Government alone, the entire Konkan coast will be taken up by this Government for development, as a national project, on the lines of South of France? Unlike the Konkan coast the coast of south of France has no creeks. Since the creeks can become the most beautiful and attractive holiday resorts and tourist resorts, along with the beaches on the coast which are virgin, not only at Ganpatipula in Ratangiri district but at many other places, at least thirty to forty of them along the 300 mile long Konkan coast, will the hon. Minister assure the House that this Project will be taken up as a special national project for development on the lines of South of France to earn foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): For the purpose of tourism, we would certainly like to encourage as many facilities

and infrastructure as possible. We have many schemes of this nature coming up all over the country and we would certainly like to encourage the establishment of a beach resort in the Konkan area. But as you know, we have constraints on our Budget. As far as the Central Government is concerned, the Ministry of Tourism can act a catalyst, but basically the suggestions have to come from the State Governments. And if there are good suggestions from the State Governments, we can certainly consider them favourably subject to the availability of funds.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM NAIK: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is 25th May today, and already two months have passed since the 1990-91 Budget was presented. In part (C) of the reply, the hon. Minister has said that even the proposals have not been sent by the Government of Maharashtra. I want to know the time by which Government of Maharashtra was to send its proposals, what are the reasons for not sending them and what is the amount allocated in the Budget to promote tourism in Maharashtra.

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Mr. Speaker Sir, the policy is that State Governments send their different schemes regarding assistance for different tourist places indicating their priority. A meeting took place between the representatives of the Government of Maharashtra and Central Government in May in this regard. Some works have been identified at some places which are to be given priority. If hon. Member would pay attention to my reply, he will find that estimates have been received by us. We have received priority list but we have not received the detailed project estimates. We will take immediate action after receiving them.

SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHARY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Minister has given the details of the tourist spots of National and International importance. I would like to know whether your attention has been drawn towards Bihar... (*Interruptions*) ...

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Member, question is not related to Bihar.

...(*Interruptions*)...

SRI ISHWAR CHAUDHARY: Sir, the question is related to the tourist places of National importance. I want to know whether Rajgiri, Pawapuri, Parasnath, Brahmayoni, Ramshila, Gaya, Vishnu Pad and the entire Bodh Gaya areas have been developed keeping in view their importance from the tourism point of view? I would also like to know whether Government's attention has been drawn towards it and whether Government will give priority to the development of Bodh Gaya and Vishnu Pad in your schemes. If so, the details thereof?

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Mr. Speaker, Sir, although it has no concern with the question asked yet the question raised by the hon. Member is very important I want to inform the House through you that we have prepared a comprehensive scheme for Bihar and Uttar Pradesh particularly for Buddhist circle in Bihar where there are many important tourist places relating to Mahatma Budha. Government of Japan is giving loan for this purpose and many works are going to start there. Information in this regard will be given: when a separate question is asked.

SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Bundelkhand is has historical region in Uttar Pradesh... (*Interruptions*) ...

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. member, this question has no concern with Bihar or Uttar Pradesh, it is a general question. ...(*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI: I am also asking a general question. Hon. Minister must know that two months ago I had written to the hon. Minister in this regard. Bundelkhand was the centre of activities of Rama. Besides this, Kalpi is the birth-place of the creator of the great characters of the Mahabharat. Later national movement for freedom was launched from Jhansi by Maharani Laxmibai, Mahua is the birth place

of Alha-Udal who are considered among the most valorous men. I want to know from the hon. Minister as to what steps are being taken by the Department of Tourism to develop these historical places? Many tourists visit these places but they go back disappointed. They get no means of transport. I want to know from the hon. Minister the steps taken by the Department of Tourism for the development of these places.

SHRISATYA PAL MALIK: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we will consider positively the suggestions for action regarding all the tourist places proposed by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh. For the information of the hon. Minister I want to tell him the things which have been decided by us only yesterday and day before yesterday. A big Mela is being organised in Bitur, the centre of activities of Nanaji. A cafeteria is being constructed there. Our department works in two ways. Whatever names of tourist places we get in Bundelkhand region from Uttar Pradesh Government, we will take steps in that regard. In connection with the letters received from the hon. Members regarding development of the tourist places, we are going to take decision in this month. I have received his letter, we are considering it positively..... (*Interruptions*) ...

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Member, please take your seat.... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to ask a general question. Who is the member from this constituency?

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: It is my constituency..... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are talking about the development of the tourist places near the seashore. I recently visited Konkan. There is an atmosphere of fear. It is correct that development of that area should be done and the people also get benefited by it but at the place where cottages have been constructed, some undesirable things are also happening

which affects its ancient culture. I want to know whether Government has paid any attention to check it? Such things are taking place at Ganapati Kutir which is a religious place. But there is a fear among the people of Konkan that if such wrong culture develops there, it will affect their original culture.

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: If I understand the question correctly, I would like to submit that whether it is the question of the beaches of Konkan or of Goa, such things have come to our notice. There are certain things which are extra-ordinary for us but they are ordinary for them, and this causes difficulty for us. Therefore, we are trying to identify such tourists abroad whose actions may not be opposite to our culture. We are paying attention on your point and trying to bring elite and interested tourists. But we have to accept it that these things are common for them which are uncommon for us.

DR. DAULATRAO SONUJI AHER: I want to know the places for which schemes have been submitted by the Maharashtra Government to Central Government for the development of tourist centres there during the Seventh Five Year Plan and the number of schemes cleared by you.... Please also state the number of such schemes included in the Eighth Five Year Plan? Do they contain the names of Anjnerisaputara and Trimbak also and if so the details thereof?

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: I can give the details of the schemes sanctioned by the Centre during the Seventh Plan. The same have also been placed on the Table of the House. I can give the details of the schemes identified by us upto now. There is a scheme of Yatri Nivas at Latoor under which tented accommodation will be made available. We have to make arrangements for providing accommodational Tourist Complex Coen Nagar; water and Equipment Visitors centre Aurangabad, Rural Craft Centre Pune; Tourist centre Pathalam-Cathamalan; and Harbour Coozing between Elephanta and Bombay. The Government of Maharashtra has identified these places in consultation with the Central Government but estimate of

these schemes has not been prepared as yet.

KUMARI UMA BHARATI: Khajuraho is an international tourist spot in Chattarpur district. A Boeing service is operating from Delhi to Varanasi via Khajuraho. There was a small office of the Department of Tourism there. Few Days ago that office was closed down for unknown reasons. Do you have any information to this effect that the said tourist office has been closed down at such an important place? I want to know whether the Government has any proposal to reopen it ?

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: I do not have any knowledge about it. I thank you for giving me this information. I will look into this matter.

SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, issue of tourism was raised there earlier also. The question of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Gujarat was also raised here. Everytime the Government replies that it has no money no funds and no budget. The Railway had no money and it had raised money from the public by floating a company. I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether the Government's considering or will consider to set up any company on these lines to raise money for the development of tourism all over India?

[*English*]

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Several Members from various States have been asking questions about developing tourist facilities. I just want to give some small information, Sir, if you permit. Altogether, what we have in India is that we have a total of about 30 million tourists, out of which 1.5 million tourists are coming from abroad, and 28.5 are domestic tourists who are travelling from one place to another. It is our intention to develop the infra-structural facilities for all the States, for domestic tourism and also for foreign tourism. In many cases, the infrastructure is the same. What I would like to indicate is that the budget at the disposal of the Central Government is very re-

stricted.

[*Translation*]

SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: I have asked the question in Hindi, You should reply in Hindi.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister can speak in English, you can use earphone for Hindi version. You should not raise the question of language.

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: You need not use earphone. I shall answer in Hindi.

MR. SPEAKER: Now he is speaking in Hindi.

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: All the State Governments have their own budgets and the central Government will support all the schemes concerning tourism which will be sponsored by the State Governments. But at present there is an allocation of Rs. 70 crore in the entire seventh Five Year Plan out of which Rs. 16 crore are for the State Governments. Therefore, all the Schemes will be presented before the central Government by the State Governments. Then Central Government will sanction them keeping in view the funds available. The Central Government is conducting a survey for tourist schemes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands but there are environmental and some other problems. Since tourism has developed in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and we want that it should become a tourist spot in future the Government will try its best to develop it.

[*English*]

New Format of Accounts of Public Sector Banks

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*989. **SHRI PRAKASH KOKO
BRAHMBHATT:
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: