

(d) whether Government have any proposals to ensure that all the hilly areas in Cannanore and Wayanad districts of Kerala are covered by T.V. transmission; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) There are at present two high power (10 KW) and 13 low power (100W) TV transmitters functioning in Kerala.

(b) and (c) A high power (10KW) TV transmitter is already under implementation at Calicut as a spill-over scheme of the Seventh Plan. However, the VIII Plan allocation not having been made by the Planning Commission so far, it is not possible to indicate the details of the TV projects to be set up in the State under the VIII Plan.

(d) and (e) Whereas two low power (100W) TV transmitters, one each at Tellicherry and Cannanore, and one low power (100 W) TV transmitter at Kalpetta are at present functioning in the districts of Cannanore and Wayanad respectively, TV service in these districts is expected to improve on the commissioning of the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Calicut. It is the endeavour of the Government to extend TV service to the remaining uncovered parts of these districts also, as expeditiously

as possible, depending upon the availability of adequate resources for this purpose.

Opening of Sale Centres Abroad

1434. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open sale centres in various foreign countries to help India's exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Occupancy of ITDC Hotels

1435. SHRI ASHOK ANAND-RAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the occupancy of the hotels being run by the India Tourism Development Corporation during the last three years, year-wise and hotel-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): The requisite information is given in the statement below.

STATEMENT

The Percentage Occupancy of ITDC Hotels during the last Three years

S.No.	Name of the Hotel	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Ashok Hotel, New Delhi	75	80	84
2.	Hotel Ashok, Bangalore	53	60	61
3.	Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort, Kovalam	66	72	74
4.	Qutab Hotel, New Delhi	82	80	77

S. No.	Name of the Hotel	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1	2	3	4	5
5.	Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, Mysore	53	55	61
6.	Hotel Airport Ashok, Calcutta	58	58	59
7.	Samrat Hotel, New Delhi	77	80	79
8.	Kanishka Hotel, New Delhi	79	74	74
9.	Janpath Hotel, New Delhi	84	80	84
10.	Hotel Varanasi Ashok, Varanasi	42	40	41
11.	Hotel Jaipur Ashok, Jaipur	68	69	64
12.	Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel, Udaipur	66	61	65
13.	Hotel Agra Ashok, Agra	58	70	73
14.	Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi	68	63	71
15.	Ranjit Hotel, New Delhi	72	62	65
16.	Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort, Mamallapuram	51	55	64
17.	Hotel Madurai Ashok, Madurai	38	47	47
18.	Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubneswar	37	41	46
19.	Hotel Hassan Ashok, Hassan	32	39	48
20.	Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi	85	84	86
21.	Hotel Jammu Ashok, Jammu	36	40	36
22.	Hotel Khajuraho Ashok, Khajuraho	33	34	39
23.	Hotel Pataliputra Ashok, Patna	49	48	60
24.	Hotel Bodhgaya Ashok, Bodhgaya	35	34
25.	Hotel Aurangabad Ashok, Aurangabad	45	45	48
TOTAL .		70	70	72

Trade with Australia

1436. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to step up Indo-Australian trade:

(b) if so, the programme drawn up for the next five years; and

(c) the various fields in which joint ventures are proposed to be set up by both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below.

(c) India and Australia have signed Memoranda of Understanding for cooperation in the sectors of Railways, Telecommunications which inter-alia include encouragement of joint ventures. Besides other areas like mining, wool, energy, food processing etc., have been identified as possible areas for collaboration.