

been referred to the respective authorities for implementation.

A separate Inter-departmental Committee has been set up to study the various aspects of the establishment of Cable Television Networks and Dish Antennae Systems in the country and to make suitable recommendations.

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Arashwani

Vacant post of Director at Ranchi

2754. SHRI SHIBU SOREN:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Director, A.I.R. Ranchi, is lying vacant since 28 February, 1990; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The post of Station Director, All India Radio, Ranchi fell vacant consequent on superannuation of Shri R. N. Manjhi from Government service with effect from 28-2-1990. It has not been found possible to fill up the vacant post of Station Director, AIR, Ranchi due to administrative constraints. However, an Assistant Station Director is in position to look after the programme activities of AIR, Ranchi.

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Tourism

Foreign Tourists visiting Kanya Kumari

2755. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists who visited Kanya Kumari during 1989 and 1990 so far;

(b) how these figures compare with the figures of the corresponding period of the previous two years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekanand Kendra have sent some proposals to Union Government for introducing ferry service and for developing other facilities for convenience of tourists;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action being taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the facilities at present available to the tourists visiting Kanya Kumari?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYAPAL MALIK): (a) and (b) As per the information available from the State Government, the number of foreign tourists who visited Kanya Kumari during 1989 and the first 5 months of 1990 are as given below:

Year	No. of foreign tourists
1989	30,058
1990 (Jan-May)	19,193

As compared to the arrivals during the same period of the previous years, the figures during Jan-May 1990 showed an increase of about 55 per cent over 1989 and about 330 per cent over 1988.

(c) and (d) Based on the proposals received from the State Government, the Ministry of Tourism sanctioned Rs. 13.36 lakhs for beach cottages, Rs. 6.02 lakhs for cafeteria, Rs. 3.57 lakhs for providing amenities at bathing ghats, Rs. 39.07 lakhs for ferry launch and Rs. 11.19 lakhs for flood lighting of Vivekananda Rock Memorial at Kanya Kumari.

(e) Infrastructural facilities like accommodation, transport & ferry service are available to the tourists visiting Kanya Kumari.