

S. No.	Country	1988	1989	1990 (Jan-Aug)
3.	F. R. G	76,371	78,431	56,738
4.	France	69,799	78,001	44,189
5.	Sri Lanka	70,640	67,680	42,924
6.	Japan	49,244	58,707	39,243
7.	Italy	47,612	50,751	32,228
8.	Canada	37,498	40,306	26,167
9.	U. S. S. R.	33,739	36,940	24,002
10.	Malaysia	29,635	33,120	20,276
11.	Others*	502,057	529,486	340,882
Total		1,239,992	1,337,232	840,764

* Excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

(b) A growth target of about 8 percent was envisaged on tourist arrivals during 1990.

(c) The inflow of tourist traffic from Soviet Union to India has been adversely affected in the later parts of the year due to various developments in that country.

(d) It is not possible to quantify the loss as India Tourism Development Corporation does not maintain the accounts nationality-wise.

(e) The steps initiated by the Government to attract more tourists to India include liberalisation of charter policy, introduction of multientry visas for a period of 5 years, provision for the payment of visa fees by cheques/credit cards, improvement of tourist facilitation, relaxation of rules regarding restricted area permits, up-gradation of tourism infrastructural facilities, creation of money changing facilities in hotels and other establishments, etc. The year 1991 has also been declared as "India Tourism Year" to improve

the image of India, as a holiday destination.

[Translation]

National Pulses Development Programme

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VERMA:
DR. CHINTA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had launched a National Pulses Development Programme in 1986-87;

(b) whether the production of pulses per hectare in the country is still much less in comparison to other countries;

(c) if so, whether any concrete steps are being taken by the Government to increase the average production of pulses in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The per hectare production of pulses is higher in France, USA, USSR, China, Turkey, Mexico and Australia in comparison to India.

(c) and (d). The National Pulses Development and Special Food Production Programme (Pulses) provide for adoption of a dual approach by (i) increasing the area through multiple cropping; and (ii) increasing productivity per unit area. Under these programmes, assistance is provided to the farmers for seeds, distribution of minikits, conducting demonstrations and plant protection measures. Emphasis is also laid on the stagewise production and distribution of seeds. Stress is given for the timely and proper use of inputs such as improved seeds, seed treatment with fungicides and culture, fertilisers and adoption of need-based plant protection measures to increase yield per hectare.

Pulses have been included in the mandate of the Technology Mission of Oilseeds (and Pulses). An integrated approach to crop production technology, farmers support services, post-harvest technology and price support/market intervention is being adopted to increase the productivity levels of pulses.

Alleged Overcharging by Private Operators Under DTC Operation During Bandh Days

1155. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that during the recent Bandh in Delhi the private operators under the DTC operation were charging Rs. 2/- instead of Rs. 1/-per

ticket from the passengers;

(b) whether the hike was approved by DTC;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the action taken against the private operators?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Some instances of this nature have been reported.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) does not arise.

(d) The checking staff of the DTC detected as many as 34 cases of this nature and 44 complaints were also received during August, 1990 to November, 1990. An amount of Rs. 14,050/- was collected by way of penalty from the owners of the private buses involved in such cases.

Secret Transmitter Links Between Ayodhya and Britain

1156. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Secret Transmitter links Ayodhya-Britain" appearing in 'The Telegraph', Calcutta dated 6 November, 1990;

(b) if so, the facts in regard to the news item as gathered by the Government;

(c) whether any investigation has been ordered into this secret transmitter installation near Ayodhya;

(d) if so, the outcome of the investigation; and

(e) the action taken by the Government