

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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[English]

Friday, March 23, 1990/Chaitra 2, 1912
(Saka)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND
TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):
(a) to (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of
the Sabha.

STATEMENT

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Development of Tourist Spots

*162. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to
state:

(a) the expenditure proposed to be
incurred during 1990-91 for the develop-
ment of tourist spots in the country;

(b) the places of pilgrimage in Uttar
Pradesh to be developed under this scheme;
and

(c) whether the scheme for the develop-
ment of Pavanagar in Deoria district of Uttar
Pradesh, where Lord Mahavira attained
Mahaparinirvana, is also under considera-
tion of Government?

(a) A sum of Rs. 67.50 crores has been
proposed as Budget Estimates
(Plan) for the year 1990-91 for
Ministry of Tourism.

(b) Development of tourist destinations
including places of pilgrimage are
primarily the responsibility of State
Governments. However, based on
specific proposals received from
the State Governments, the Minis-
try provides financial assistance
within available resources for the
development of infrastructure.

(c) No proposal for financial assistance
for development of infrastructure at
Pavanagar in Deoria District has
been received from the State Gov-
ernment of Uttar Pradesh.

[Translation]

SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Sir, in
his reply the hon. Minister had stated that
there is a scheme to spend Rs. 67.50 crores
on developing the places of pilgrimage as
tourist spots whereas at some other place he
says that the Ministry considers the propos-
als only when they are received from State
Governments. Through you, I would like to
know from the hon. Minister the names of the
States in respect of which such proposals

are under consideration with him. Secondly, I would like to know whether the hon. Minister will call for a report from the states which have not sent any proposal so that proposals from such states are also included in the scheme before spending the proposed amount of Rs. 67.50 crores?

[*English*]

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Sir, the first thing is, the amount of Rs. 67 crores pertains to the entire budget of the Ministry.

[*Translation*]

AN. HON. MEMBER: I am on a point of order. He said that a provision of Rs. 67 crores has been made.

MR. SPEAKER: There is no point of order. The hon. Minister is replying.

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Allocation of funds to various states is made out of the total budgetary provision. There was a scheme from the Government of Uttar Pradesh to spend Rs. 2 crores between the 2nd and the 6th plan. The proposal they have now submitted is being examined by us and we will do whatever is possible in this regard. The hon. Member has also desired to know whether such proposals have also been received from other states. In this connection I would like to inform him that proposals from all the State Governments have been received by us. We are examining the proposals and allocation of funds will be made keeping in view the overall Budgetary provision.

SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the hon. Minister please also state if there is a proposal to construct a wall at Pavanagar in Deoria district which is the birth place of Lord Mahavir? There is also one more famous place in the same city where people come from every nook and corner of the country. I would like to add that a proposal which includes construction of a hotel and beautifying the construction site etc. was pending with the previous Government. Will the

Government give its clearance to the above proposal and start the work as per its policy and programmes?

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have not so far received any recommendation from the State Government in regard to Deoria. Now, keeping in view the demand of the hon. Member, we, on our own, will request the State Government to include it in the next year's plan.

PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister the state-wise break up of the amount of Rs. 67.50 crores. In Himachal Pradesh, Chintpurani, Jwalaji, Naina Devi and Chamunda Devi are some of the famous places of pilgrimage. Has any proposal been received from the State Government to develop these places as tourist spots; if so, the decision taken by the Government in regard thereto?

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Next year's budget figures are with me. I have got the figures in respect of each and every State. If the hon. Member so desires, I can read out the figures or otherwise I can place the information on the Table of the House.

PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL: Please tell about Himachal Pradesh.

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: We have received a number of proposals from Himachal Pradesh and the total expenditure involved is about Rs. 19 crores. We are examining these proposals. Here, I must say one thing that an amount of Rs. 20 lakhs was allocated to Himachal Pradesh from the centre during the 6th Five Year Plan. During the last 4 years, an estimate of Rs. 52 lakhs was submitted to Himachal Pradesh. Presently, we are holding consultations with the State Governments about this plan. It is, therefore, not possible to give details of individual cases right now.

[*English*]

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Sir, often

due to insufficient infrastructural facilities in terms of water supply or power or transport and other insufficient infrastructural facilities, the interests of tourism development conflict with the interests of the local population. This happens, for instance, in the State from where I myself come. Now, I would like to know from the hon. Minister, in view of this, whether he is coordinating or will coordinate with other Ministries, so that in areas which are of intense tourist projection like Goa from where I come, increased water supply, power, transport will be given so that the local population is not inconvenienced as a result of the tourist influx.

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Sir, as far as Goa is concerned, it is one of our most important tourist areas; infrastructural facilities are of extreme importance to us. We are not only coordinating with various Ministries but also with the Ministry of Environment because environment protection is also extremely necessary. We have had nearly 250 thousand visitors in Goa. In fact, in the international map, it is the fourth or fifth most populous tourist spot in the world. So, every possible encouragement we can give, we are giving and I think if you see the Budget allocation, you will find that both the State Government in Goa and the Central Government are giving all possible encouragement to all facets of tourism in the State.

[*Translation*]

SHRI CHHABIRAM ARGAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are several backward State where there is large tourist potential. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent a number of schemes to Central Government for the development of tourism in the State. Chambal, Gwalior and Sheopuri etc. are backward areas. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent a number of tourism schemes to Central Government with a view to removing the backwardness of these areas. So will the Government allocate funds on a priority basis for the development of those backward states, where there is more potential for the development of tourism?

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: As I said earlier, we have received recommendations from the State Governments and we shall convey to the State Government, the views expressed by the hon. Member and if any scheme for the development of Chambal comes before us, we shall consider it.

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister the amount allocated for the year 1990-91, for the development of tourist spots like Sher Shah's Mausoleum, Salim Shah's Mausoleum, the Shergarh Fort, the Rohtas Fort, the Gupta Dham etc., situated in Rohtas District of Bihar?

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: The State Government has to send their schemes to the Centre. As I said earlier, we are holding talks with them on this issue. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Next question.

SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: It is a very important question and I want to ask... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I have already gone to the next question. You can write a letter to the Minister.

(*Interruptions*)

Vijaynagar Steel Plant

*163. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA
NARASIMHA RAJA
WADIYAR:
SHRI . JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised the estimated cost of the proposed Vijaynagar Steel Plant in Karnataka;