

Commission. According to report received from the Government of U.P., imbalances have not cropped up due to non-utilisation of funds. Effective measures have been initiated under decentralised planning process to earmark funds separately to hill districts under district sector plan. Under this process, nearly 52 per cent of the total plan outlay of Hill Area Sub-Plan is being allocated to hill districts separately according to norms and guidelines of decentralised planning. In addition, benefits also flow to the districts out of remaining 48 per cent of State sector funds. Periodical review of progress and monitoring is being done at district/divisional and State level to ensure proper utilisation of fund and achieve physical targets. As such, inter-district imbalance seems to be related to the initial backwardness of some districts and a persisting lag.

[English]

Incentives to Users of Alternate Sources of Energy

*138. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the incentives that would be provided to the users of alternate sources of energy during the Seventh Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : The Seventh Plan is not yet finalised.

Foreign Tourists to Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras

*139. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) average arrival of foreign tourists in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras in 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) whether tourist traffic to India is increasing considerably every year; and

(c) what amenities are now there for tourists to visit Darjeeling of West Bengal,

Nalanda of Bihar, Kaziranga forest of Assam and Konark of Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) The number of foreign tourists, excluding nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, who disembarked at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras during 1983-84 and 1984-85 are as given below :

	1983-84	1984-85
Delhi	313,856	285,192
Bombay	347,823	314,592
Calcutta	38,523	35,375
Madras	77,916	69,519

(b) The number of foreign tourists, excluding nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, who visited India during the last five years together with percentage change is as follows :

Year	Number of tourists	% Change
1980	800,150	4.6
1981	853,148	6.6
1982	860,178	0.8
1983	884,731	2.9
1984	852,503	-3.6

This will indicate that the number steadily increased except in 1984.

(c) The amenities now available for the tourists to visit places mentioned by the Honourable Member include the following :

(1) Darjeeling : Darjeeling is served by Bagdogra Airport from where tourist coaches, tourist taxis, private taxis are available.

There is a narrow-gauge train from New Jalpaiguri to Darjeeling which is a great tourist attraction.

Darjeeling is also well connected by road with Siliguri and Bagdogra and there are State Road Transport buses between Darjeeling, Siliguri and Bagdogra.