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SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : This is in the report. Is this report of the State Government ?

MR. SPEAKER : Let the Minister reply first.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN : Let me get the information on the point which the hon. Member has raised here. I will ascertain the facts from the Gujarat Government and then we will have to say as to what will be the position.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH : In view of the growth of population and the situation having changed, will the Government set up a Committee to re-allocate the seats for Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assemblies, belonging to SC/ST, in the State Assemblies ?

MR. SPEAKER : You mean a fresh delimitation of the constituencies.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN : May I request the hon. Member to kindly repeat the question ?

MR. SPEAKER : He wants to know whether you have any ideas on delimitation of the constituencies.

AN HON. MEMBER : How does it come here ?

SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA : Article 330 of the Constitution provides for reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the House of the People, in proportion to their population. A similar provision of the Constitution exists in Article 332 of the Constitution for State Assemblies. I have already stated in my original reply that the policy was reviewed and the bill came before the Lok Sabha in 1980. So, no further review is going to be made. It has been further extended up to 1990.

MR. SPEAKER : He is not asking about that. He is only asking you whether you have any fresh ideas about delimitation due to the population increase.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN : As far as delimitation is concerned, because of the

increase in population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, there is a resolution of the National Development Council that it is the 1971 Census which will be taken into account while deciding the constituencies both for Parliament as well as Assemblies, and if the increased population is there, *per se*, the number of voters will increase; but it will not lead to delimitation.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Is it not a fact that keeping the welfare and upliftment of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in view, all along the Government had pursued this policy of reservations ?

In view of the tensions now prevailing in some parts of the country, is Government trying to reach some kind of a consensus on this policy again, if it is called for ?

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN : So far as reservations in respect of SC and ST, are concerned, there is no question of consensus involved. It is the decided policy of the Government and there is no question of going back. Earlier I had referred to hon. Prime Minister's statement where I said that consensus needed to be developed so far as other backward classes were concerned.

SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Has the Government gone into the recommendations of the Mandal Commission ? If so, has it taken any decision on that ?

MR. SPEAKER : He has already replied that.

Efforts to tap Tourist Markets of Europe and U.S.A.

***367. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether special efforts are being made to tap tourist markets of Europe and U.S.A. to increase tourist traffic to this country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The measures include advertising in Newspapers, magazines, Television and the Radio. Sales seminars, India evenings, lectures and exhibitions are also organised jointly with the airlines, tour operators and travel agents. In addition, film shows, audio visuals and trade shows are also arranged in clubs, universities and similar places. The production and distribution of tourist publicity literature (folders, brochures, maps etc.) in different local languages other than English is another continuing activity.

The Government has also encouraged and facilitated the making of feature films abroad such as Gandhi which has resulted in an overwhelming interest and curiosity about India.

Though India is traditionally known in the travel world as a "cultural destination", efforts are also being directed towards publicising it as a "holiday destination". Packages selling itineraries on "Beach Holidays", "Adventure Tourism" and venues for International Conferences and Conventions" are among the newer features in the marketing campaign.

The Department of Tourism in addition, through its hospitality programme have invited travel writers, tour operators, TV teams and travel agents on familiarization tours to India so that they could obtain first hand knowledge of the facilities available.

The Festival of India which is scheduled to be inaugurated in USA and France in June this year also expected to generate interest in India to a considerable extent.

SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Has Government agreed to allow tourist charters to come to India approved by foreign travel agents; if so, whether Air India has expressed apprehension that this will affect its own tourist charters or regular traffic ?

[*Translation*]

SHRI ASHOK GAHLOT : So far as the main question of the hon. Member is concerned, we know that 60 per cent tourists come to India from Europe and the U.S.A.

out together. In the recently held conference, in which all Regional Directors participated, we fixed the target for Europe at 25 per cent, for U.K. at 18 per cent and for the U.S.A. at 18 per cent and we are going ahead with that target.

[*English*]

SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : May I know whether hotel occupancy had been very low throughout 1984; if so whether this was due to foreign tourist promotion chains and hotel chains of USA and Europe who had refused to recommend India due to political or other considerations; if not, what were the other reasons which prevailed in this case ?

[*Translation*]

SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT : Owing to the incidents which took place in 1984 and the adverse publicity given to them in these countries, the tourist traffic to our country has declined, there are no two opinions about that. I have already informed that there has been a decline of 3.6 per cent, but we are making efforts to counter the adverse publicity and we hope that this year we shall be able to improve the situation.

[*English*]

SHRI A.K. PANJA : There are restrictions on entry of foreign tourists in the hill station of Darjeeling and Skkim areas of Gangtok including Kalimpong, which attract a lot of tourists. Is the Minister considering lifting those restrictions so that there may be inflow of foreign tourists in those areas ?

[*Translation*]

SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT : So far as our Ministry is concerned it is our endeavour to attract foreign tourists to as many places as possible, but this question is also related to the Home Ministry and, therefore, it is necessary to consult them also.

[*English*]

Encouragement to Sports Among Men and Women

*368. **KUMARI PUSHA DEVI :** Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) steps taken by the Government to encourage sports among men and women;