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Conference on Tourism

*179. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Conference on tourism was held recently in Goa;
- (b) if so, the issues discussed at the Conference;
- (c) whether matters related to tourism in Goa were also discussed:
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any specific suggestions were made to Government on behalf of the State Governments; and
 - (f) if so, what were the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) A seminar on Tourism Development in India with special reference to Goa was organised jointly by the Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Department of Tourism, Govt of Goa; Goa Tourism Development Corporation; and Goa Travel and Tourism Club in June, 1988.

- (b) In keeping with its theme, the seminar discussed wide ranging issues relating to the development and promotion of Tourism in India in general and Goa in particular.
- (c) and (d). The matters relating to Tourism in Goa, discussed at the seminar. included inter-alia setting up of a convention centre in Goa; rescheduling/augmentation of Indian Airlines and Air India flights to and from Goa; upgradation of facilities at the Dabolim Airport; and declaration of tourism as industry by the Govt. of Goa.

- (e) No Sir. Instead, some resolutions adopted by the seminar were addressed to the State Governments.
 - (f) Does not arise.

Implementation of family planning programme in States

*180. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORB: the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual rate of population growth in the country and how does it compare with Government's projection to control the growth in population:
- (b) which of the States have shown more than the average growth in the population and what, according to the analysis made, if any by Government, are the shortcomings in the implementation of the family planning programmes in those States; and
- (c) the remedial measures proposed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA-PARDE): (a) to (c). The National Growth Rate of population is obtained as difference between birth and death rates as available from Sample Registration System (SRS) of the Registrar General, India. As per latest estimates of SRS, the Natural Growth Rate at National level is 2.15 per cent for the year 1986. However, based on the medium projections of the Expert Committee on Population Projections, the Growth Rate of population for 1986-87 (1st March-28th February) was projected at 1.99 per cent.

Based on Natural Growth Rates for 1986, the States/Union Territories of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Predesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan. Arunachal Pradesh. Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi and Lakshadweep have shown Natural Growth Rates more than that at the National level.