

[Translation]

Assistance for Development of Tourist Spots in Rajasthan

*486. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken last year to develop many places in Rajasthan as tourist Spots;

(b) if so, the number of tourist spots, out of them developed fully and the number of the tourist spots on which work has been suspended;

(c) whether Government propose to provide additional financial assistance to the State Government to complete the development of the remaining tourist spots; and

(d) if so, the amount to be provided for the purpose and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (d). Development of tourism infrastructure at tourist centres is an on going process. Projects for provision of appropriate tourist facilities are taken up by the Central Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Government concerned depending upon the potential of the place and the requirements of tourists. During the Seventh Five Year Plan so far the Department has sanctioned financial assistance for the development of tourist infrastructure at the following tourist centres in Rajasthan:

1. Pushkar
2. Ranthambore
3. Bharatpur
4. Alwar
5. Udaipur

6. Thar Desert

7. Tal Vriksh (Near Alwar)

8. Deogarh

9. Mandawa

In addition, the Department has also sanctioned funds for a Master Plan for Chittorgarh and Mewar Festival. Out of the above mentioned places, only one project namely, Camel Safari at Thar Desert, has been shelved in consultation with the State Government. For all on-going projects, the Department has already released part amounts to the State Government and the balance amount will be released for their completion as and when required.

Amenities in Trains running on Samastipur Division of North Eastern Railway

*487. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are complaints about the Express and passenger trains running on Narrow Gauge line in Samastipur Division of North Eastern Railway not being properly cleaned and non-provision of first class compartments in all of them;

(b) whether the compartments are also not provided with water, causing great inconvenience to the passengers;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (d). Samastipur Division is served by Metre Gauge and Broad Gauge, there is no Narrow Gauge system on this Division. A few complaints have been received about the Metre Gauge trains plying on this Division. First class coaches are provided on trains as per traffic