

### Development of Tourism in Karnataka

\*351. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various places of tourists importance in Karnataka have been developed suitably;

(b) if not, whether any specific schemes are under consideration for required development of tourism in Karnataka during the Eight Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATEL): (a) Identification of tourist centres for development of tourism infrastructure, is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to States for development of tourism infrastructure on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments subject to potential of the place, existing infrastructure, existing and projected tourist traffic, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. During the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan so far, the Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 206.39 lakhs for development of tourism infrastructure at 19 tourist centres in Karnataka.

(b) and (c). The Department does not include projects in the Five Year Plans either State-wise or place-wise but scheme-wise. Hence, the question of including specific projects in the Eighth Five Year Plan for development of tourism in Karnataka does not arise.

### Tidal Waves Project in Kerala

\*358. PROF. K.V THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project to produce electricity from tidal waves proposed to be set up in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Department of Ocean Development has sponsored a project on harnessing of wave energy from oceans for which the sea trial experiment is in progress at Vizhinjam near Trivandrum in Kerala.

[Translation]

### Manufacture of 155 MM Guns in BHEL

\*360. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMMOOWALIA:  
SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. has sought approval to implement the scheme to indigenously manufacture the Bofors F.H. 155 mm guns;

(b) if so, when this project was submitted to Government and also the cost of the project proposal;

(c) the reasons for not taking a decision thereon so far; and

(d) by what time a decision is likely to be