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THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) to (d). Among others, BHEL has also submitted a feasibility report in December 1988 for indigenous manufacture of 155 mm FH 77B Guns. Some additional information has been sought from BHEL in this regard. The feasibility report submitted by them will be evaluated on receipt of the information from them, alongwith the feasibility reports submitted by the others.

[English]

Shortage of Hotel Rooms in State Capitals

*361. SHRI D.P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of hotel rooms in most of the cities in the country;

(b) if so, the present assessed shortage of rooms in different State capitals; and

(c) the steps being taken to reduce this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c). The shortage of suitable accommodation is generally experienced in major tourist centres during the peak season. As per an assessment made by the Central Department of Tourism, the shortage of approved rooms in some of the major tourist centres by 1991 will be as follows:—

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Tourist Centre</i>	<i>Additional room requirement by April 1991</i>
1	2	3
1.	Bombay	3500
2.	Calcutta	800
3.	Delhi	4000
4.	Madras	1200
5.	Ahmedabad	200
6.	Bangalore	1200
7.	Bhopal	200
8.	Bhubaneswar	250
9.	Jaipur	500
10.	Lucknow	200
11.	Panaji (Goa)	700

1	2	3
12.	Patna	250
13.	Srinagar	400
14.	Agra	500
15.	Aurangabad	200
16.	Cochin	200
17.	Madurai	200
18.	Pune	450
19.	Puri	150
20.	Tiruchirapalli	150
21.	Varanasi	400
22.	Udaipur	400
23.	Jodhpur	200
24.	Jaisalmer	300
25.	Gorakhpur	200
26.	Bodhgaya	200
27.	Mysore	450
28.	Trivandrum-Kovalam	300
29.	Khajuraho	200
30.	Kulu Manali	400
31.	Darjeeling	300
32.	Chandigarh	200
33.	Gangtok	150
34.	Mahabalipuram	200

1	2	3
35.	Gauhati	200
36.	Shimla	150
Total:		19700

A number of incentives and facilities have now been announced by the Government to encourage private sector investment in construction of hotels. These include setting up of Tourism Finance Corporation for giving institutional loans, grant of interest subsidy on hotel loans, liberal terms for NRI Investment, tax exemption in respect of foreign exchange earnings, graded interest rebate on institutional loans, etc.

Discontinuance of National Health Programmes

*362. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discontinued certain National Health Programmes; and

(b) if so, the names of programmes discontinued during the last three years year-wise and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expert Committees on Functioning of IA/AI

*363. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to

state:

(a) whether Government have constituted expert Committees to study the functioning of India's Airlines and Air India;

(b) if so, the details of the Committees constituted and their terms of reference;

(c) whether any Report have been received from Expert Committees on the maintenance, safety measures, flying hours of crew and Airport facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b). Government has not constituted any Committee to study the functioning of IA/AI. However, two Committees have been set up to look into the maintenance and training aspects in Indian Airlines.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Utilisation of SC/ST Funds

*364. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI R.M. BHOYE:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state: