

[Translation]

SHRI CHANDRA KISHORE PATHAK: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to know the average investment made in Bihar so far?

[English]

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: It occupies the fourth place in the country.

(Interruptions)

The investment is 9.2 percent.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: The hon. Minister has stated that 14 public sector enterprises have so far been set up in Bihar and 4.5 lakh employees have got employment there. There are only 14 public sector enterprises in a big state like Bihar and only 4.5 lakh employees have been employed there.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether keeping in view the fact that there are 1.87 crore uneducated unemployed people in Bihar and the problem of unemployment is growing, will he be kind enough to set up at least 100 public sector enterprises in the State during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

[English]

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: How can I commit now before the Eighth Plan is finalised?

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: You give him in the same manner that he is asking.

[English]

Development of Tourist spots in Jammu and Kashmir

*211. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN (UDHAMPUR): Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Jammu and Kashmir has submitted a detailed and comprehensive master plan for the development of tourist spots like Mansar, Surunser, Salal Dam, Derababa Banda, Salal Fort, Jayee Bhaderwah and Kailash Kund in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Union Government propose to provide financial assistance to State Government for the development of tourism infrastructure at these tourist spots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

(c) A specific proposal was received from the the State Government for Mansar for providing Wayside facilities for which the Department has sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 4.54 lakhs.

SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN: There are so many beautiful spots in Jammu as well as Srinagar. I would like to ask the Government whether they have envisaged any plan to develop those spots.

For instance, there is Salal Dam, there is Jayee in Bhaderwah and the whole of Kashmir Valley. I would like to know whether there is a planned approach to develop those spots so that tourists are attracted to the valley as well as to Jammu.

SHRISHIVRAJ V. PATIL: We all know that Kashmir and Jammu are very beautiful. The plans have to be prepared by the State Government. When they send us the projects on the basis of the plans prepared by them, to the extent possible we have been helping and we will continue to help.

SHRIMOHD. AYUB KHAN: That is why I asked whether they have sent any plans. It is said that the State Government has sent no plan to the Central Government. If the State Government has sent any plan to the Central Government, I would like to know the details of it.

SHRISHIVRAJ V. PATIL: We have not received any plan. I have specifically stated in my answer to the part (a) of the question as 'No, Sir'. That means we have not received any specific plan as such. Therefore I cannot give any details.

SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN: So far as beauty is concerned, there is a spot in Jabalpur which can be called a *mini Kashmir... (Interruptions)...* That is the only place where a major river of Madhya Pradesh flow through the marble rocks. Over the years nothing has been done to improve it or to make it more attractive than what it is today for the tourists. Would the Hon. Minister assure that it will be undertaken in the next year to convert it into an attractive tourist spot, as others are not as beautiful as marble rocks?

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: The Hon. Member is trying to attract our attention to the beauty in Jabalpur and Madhya Pradesh.

MR. SPEAKER: He should invite us first!

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Yes. We would be very happy to take steps to do something to see that that place becomes more attractive. But let us understand that

this has to be done by the State Government. They shall have to prepare the project report, they shall have to send the project report to us and they shall have to contribute also. We share the expenditure on the beautification of that place.

NRI Assistance for Energy Sector

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*212. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP
SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYANTI
PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated a move to tap the Non-Resident Indians (NRI) to meet the requirements of the energy sector during the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the quantum of funds sought from the NRIs for that purpose;

(c) whether the proposal has been approved; and

(d) if so, the further steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c). The question of encouraging private sector participation in power generation—including that by the Non Resident Indians (NRIs)—and the modalities for implementing the scheme are at an advance stage of consideration. No concrete proposals have been received by the Government of India so far in regard to the setting up of power plants with NRI participation.

MR. SPEAKER: The Question hour is over.