

**Foreign Exchange Earned by ITDC**

3285. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state .

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the ITDC during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to construct big hotels during the next five years in various places of tourists' interest;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase accommodation facilities for the low budget domestic travellers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The required information is given as under :-

Year	Direct foreign exchange earned (Rs. in lakhs)
1982-83	994.94
1983-84	1204.59
1984-85	1400.00 (Provisional)

(b) and (c) The 7th Five Year Plans for ITDC and Hotel Corporation of India have not yet been finalised.

(d) In 1978, the Department of Tourism got registered Bharatiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti, an autonomous society to construct/establish new Dharamshalas/Sarais/Musafirhkanas at various places of pilgrimage interest. The construction of budget hotels for domestic travellers will be assigned priority in the 7th Five Year Plan. The Department of Tourism has written to State Governments for formulating such proposals which will be finalised in the consultation with the State Governments.

**Airbus Industries Offer to Lease Boeing Aircraft to Indian Airlines**

3286. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Airbus Industries have offered to lease boeing aircraft to Indian Airlines if they are awarded its Rs. 700 crore fleet renewal contract for the Airbus-320;

(b) if so, details of the offer;

(c) the details of the requirements of the Indian Airlines;

(d) the details of the other aircrafts being considered for purchase, and

(e) the details of offers received from other aircraft manufacturing companies, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) The offer of the Airbus Industries contemplates the sale of A-320 aircraft for delivery in 1988-89 and making available some aircraft on lease during the intervening period.

(c) Based on an assessment of their future requirements for capacity augmentation and the need to phase out 5 old Boeing-737 aircraft, Indian Airlines, after evaluating various aircraft types, have placed with the approval of the Government a letter of intent on Boeing Company for the purchase of aircraft with the following delivery schedule :-

1985-86—5 Boeing (757-200) aircraft

1986-87—4 Boeing (757-200) aircraft

1987-88—3 Boeing (757-200) aircraft

(d) and (e) No proposals from any other aircraft manufacturing companies are under consideration.