

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :
(a) 5,465.

(b) 4,630.

Tourism potentialities in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

3356. **SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the tourism potentialities in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the measures taken to promote tourism and to provide facilities for incoming tourists in the islands; and

(c) whether Government propose to give concession in air fare to attract tourists to the Islands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Department of Tourism has brought out a brochure on Andaman and Nicobar Islands in English for distribution. A Youth Hostel has been constructed at Port Blair. A 29 seater Fibre Glass motor boat at the cost of Rs. 10.00 lakhs has been provided to Andaman and Nicobar Islands for use by tourists. In addition under the hospitality scheme a number of travel writers from UK, USA, West Germany and Japan were sponsored to visit the Islands. It is expected that on their return these media writers, will write articles on the Islands which will give wide publicity to the tourist potential in those countries. In addition, Department has also sponsored groups of travel agents to the Andaman Islands. The Andaman and Nicobar Administration is being encouraged to provide budget accommodation for the tourists in the Islands.

(c) No, Sir.

Review of functioning of Nehru Yuvak Kendras

3357. **PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR :** Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any review has been made of the functioning of the Nehru Yuvak Kendras in the country since their inception;

(b) if so, the outcome of this review and whether any programme for streamlining their functioning has been chalked out consequent upon this review;

(c) if so, the nature thereof; and

(d) if not, whether any such review would be undertaken and if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Scheme of Nehru Yuvak Kendras has been reviewed several times by different Groups/Committees since its inception. The general assessment was that the programmes of the Nehru Yuvak Kendras were useful for the betterment of rural youth and needed to be continued. Detailed guidelines have been issued for the Kendras for operation of their programmes during 1985-86,

(d) Does not arise.

Reclaiming of land at Sea-Shore

3358. **PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any land has been reclaimed by Government at any sea-shore along the Indian coastal line during the years 1982-85;

(b) if so, the nature and area thereof and the steps taken for its proper development and utilization; and

(c) if not, whether any plan has been formulated for such land as has