

concessional fares for foreign tourists and Indian residents abroad for visiting India. Under this scheme a tourist can travel by Indian Airlines a number of stations in anyone of the four regions : Western, Southern, Eastern or Northern for seven days by paying US \$209 only.

Air India is also organising trekking programme in collaboration with the Department of Tourism and Youth Hostels Association of India. These are open to all individual members and groups from member associations of IYHF (International Youth Hostels Federation) and other similar clubs and organisations.

Government of Sikkim has also organised treks, during March/April and May/June, 1985 which are open to foreign as well as domestic tourists.

[English]

Memorial and Library for Freedom Fighters

*117. SHRI C. MADHAVA REDDY : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased state :

(a) whether many M.Ps. and national leaders had been writing for setting up of a Memorial and Library to commemorate the memory of freedom fighters who were lodged in Andaman & Nicobar Island jails and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether these long pending suggestions have now been put into effect; and

(c) whether Government will bring out a suitable publication with photographs of all freedom fighters—jailwise in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Requests have been received for the setting up of a museum and library at Port Blair in honour of Freedom Fighters. These are looked into by the local administration as and when received.

(b) The Cellular Jail has already been

converted into a national memorial; the administrative block is being maintained as a Museum; photographs of Freedom Fighters and other materials have already been exhibited in the Museum. Acquisition of materials of historic importance and setting up of the Library is in progress.

(c) Several Official Publications giving particulars of Indian Freedom Fighters have already been brought out from time to time.

Proposals to States on Administration

*118. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have sent proposals to all State Government for streamlining official machinery to ensure a clean and efficient administration;

(b) if so, the proposals forwarded to the States and how many State Governments have replied to the proposals; and

(c) the action taken by Union Government in this regard ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) to (c). A Conference of Chief Secretaries was convened to discuss measures to streamline the machinery of Government so as to secure a clean and efficient administration. The measures discussed included streamlining the development administration, improving delivery of supplies and services, arrangements for redress of grievances, personnel management policies, training needs, modernisation of offices, simplification of rules and procedures especially which affect the public, delegation and decentralisation. State Governments have been requested to implement the conclusions arrived at in the Conference on a time bound basis. This is being followed up.

[Translation]

Programme for Rural Youth during International Youth Year

*119. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allocated