

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

any funds for organising the International Youth Year;

(b) if so, the amount thereof;

(c) whether any special schemes or programmes for the rural youth have also been chalked out as a part of the International Youth Year celebrations;

(d) if so, the nature and broad details;

(e) whether youth from the rural areas would be specially selected for sending them abroad under the International Youth Exchange Programme and such youth exchange programme has also been chalked out; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (f). The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports allocated a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs in 1984-85 and has proposed an allocation of Rs. 50 lakhs for 1985-86 exclusively for the observance of 1985 as the 'Year of the Youth'. These sums are in addition to the anticipated expenditure of about Rs. 14 crores on youth programmes during the year 1984-85 and the proposed allocation of about Rs. 17.5 crores in the year 1985-86 for these programmes which have been intensified in the light of the International Youth Year.

Special programmes for rural youth have been undertaken and will continue. Some of the important programmes *inter-alia* include : Holding of the National Youth Forum and seminars and exhibitions of interest to young people in the districts; organisation of national integration camps in different parts of the country; observance of National Youth Day and National Youth Week throughout the country involving activities like special work-projects, elocution contests, essay and drawing competitions, cultural and sports activities; organisation of local youth festivals involving different facets of rural life such as exhibitions of handicrafts made by rural youth; holding of rural sports competitions and festivals; activities aimed at creating awareness against social evils like dowry, casteism, communalism etc. and in

favour of nationally accepted values such as pride in Indianness, secularism, discipline, democracy, unity, etc.; introduction of new vocational training programmes, preservation and improvement of environment by tree plantation, cleanliness drives, etc.; grant of special railway concessions to youth groups; and strengthening of rural youth club and Nehru Yuvak Kendra movement to promote youth programmes by opening during the Seventh Five Year Plan Kendras in all such districts as do not already have them.

Under Cultural Exchange Programmes small youth delegations are sent abroad for exchange of views and sharing of experience. Under such programmes youth delegations were sent recently to Egypt, Bahrain and Hungary. While selecting young persons for inclusion in such delegations, due consideration has been given to youth from rural areas.

[English]

#### Activities of Naxalites

\*120. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places in the country where Naxalites are operating actively at present;

(b) whether Government are aware that Naxalites are very active in the Garhchiroli district in Maharashtra also and their number is growing very fast; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps being taken by Government to check the activities of Naxalites there ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c). Different naxalite groups are operating actively in the districts of Adilabad, Karim Nagar, Warangal, Khammam and Nizamabad in Andhra Pradesh and in the districts of Patna, Gaya, Bhojpur, Nalanda and Aurangabad in Bihar and in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. Naxalite activities have also come to notice in some pockets of West Bengal, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh.

2. According to information received