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[English]

**Sarkaria Commission report**

\*50. SHRI H. M. PATEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sarkaria Commission has completed its work;

(b) whether any interim report has been submitted by Sarkaria Commission;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken on the interim report?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

SHRI H. M. PATEL : This Commission was appointed quite some time ago. Is the Government not desirous of even knowing when the Commission's report is likely to come? Will the Government ask the Commission to expedite its report?

S. BUTA SINGH : As for the last extension, the period of the Commission has been extended upto 30th April, 1987. There is no proposal with the Government to extend the time more. Therefore, we hope, by the date that has been given to the Commission it will submit its report.

**Tourists flow to Goa**

\*52. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated tourist arrival both

domestic and international in Goa during 1986-87 (upto 31st March, 1987);

(b) whether there is likely to be any change in the estimated figure on account of incidents in Goa in December last; and

(c) if so, details of the measures that Union Government and the Goa Administration propose to take to give publicity about the restoration of normalcy in the Territory?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) to (c) A statement is given below.

**Statement**

(a) and (b) The tourist arrivals in Goa both domestic and international are estimated to be 9.16 lakhs during 1986-87. This represents a 15% growth over the previous year. The impact of the incidents in Goa in December last on tourist arrival cannot be assessed at this stage as the exact tourist arrival figures for the subsequent months are not available.

(c) The Central Government and the Union Territory Administration have already given wide publicity about the restoration of normalcy in Goa through press reports and advertisements.

SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Lakhs of tourists flock to Goa and along with dollars that they bring, one of the things they bring is the disease of AIDS which is practically a death warrant to several of us.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Aid from IMF!

SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : There fore, I would like to know whether you are going to take some measures as far as Goa, Kashmir and several other places are concerned where foreign tourists are flocking, to prevent the local people from catching this disease either with the aid of the Ministry of Health or otherwise.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Is the aid from the Ministry of Health welcome ?

**AN. HON. MEMBER :** Aid for AIDS !

**MUFTI MOHD. SYED :** There is a problem for us. Is it humanly possible to have medical examination of all foreign tourists who come here ? I do not think, it is humanly possible.

**SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK :** Very soon, Goa is going to hold Carnival. There are two views whether Carnival should be held in Goa or not. Some people say that it depicts something which is not the culture of India. Still some private organisations come and they hold carnival show in Goa. What is the view of the Government of India or the Ministry of Tourism as far as the holding of carnival in Goa is concerned ?

**MUFTI MOHD. SYED :** I do not think we should have any objection to that.

**SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS :** Sir, in Goa, many tourists are coming from foreign countries. Similar climatic conditions are there in Trivandrum and Cochin and also, as in Goa, there are beaches like Kovalam and also such other areas where tourism can be developed.

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :** Also Konkani area.

**SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS :** Also Konkani area. So, will the Government consider a proposal to see that the tourists arriving in Goa on account of the beach and all that—a number of tourists are arriving there—are taken to the southern parts of the country and also to see that the tourism is developed in the beach area and also more flights are introduced and transportation modes are provided for taking these tourists to that side also ?

**MUFTI MOHD. SYED :** Sir, it is a fact that chartered flights are there for Goa. Goa, I think, has become a famous

destination and is known all over the world. Lot of people come there. Lot of foreign tourists come there. The same is the case with Kovalam where we have hundred per cent occupancy. Tourists are going to Trivandrum as well. But there is not enough infrastructure. So, the State Government is making some plans to build some more accommodation near Kovalam. The same is the case with other beaches.

#### Indians as hostages in Beirut

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\*54 **SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA :**

**DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO :**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some persons including a professor of Indian origin have been taken as hostage in Beirut by the terrorists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have established any contact with any country which could help securing their release; and

(d) if so, the success achieved in this regard so far ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 24th January 1987 a group of unidentified gunmen disguised in police uniforms came to the campus of Beirut University College and took away four professors including Dr. Mithileshwar Singh, an Indian passport holder who was the Head of the Department of Business Studies in the college. The other three hostages are US nationals. A group called the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping.