

Sir, as per these guidelines only A category districts are allowed new spinning capacity. The Government of Orissa has not submitted any application whatsoever. However, an application has been received from M/s Konark Cotton Growers Cooperative Spinning Mills, which was considered by the Licensing Committee and this application was rejected because the proposed location is in a 'B' category district. It does not fall within the guidelines.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : When such an application was received by the Centre and action taken on the application what are the conditions imposed for setting up of such spinning mills by the entrepreneurs and what is the reaction of the Government against an entrepreneur if he violates such conditions ?

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR : Sir, as I have already stated, no new licence has been issued to any mill in Orissa. Of course, the conditions of the licence are specified in the licence itself and action for cancellation of the licence or imposing specified penalties is taken if the licence conditions are violated.

Proposal to Establish a Light and Sound Arrangement in Kumbrar in Bihar

*476. **SHRI C.P. THAKUR :** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken to boost tourism in Bihar ;

(b) the number of projects from Bihar regarding tourism which are under the consideration of Union Government ; and

(c) whether this includes a proposal to establish a light and sound arrangement in Kumbrar depicting the ancient history of India ?

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

Statement

(a) Steps being taken to boost tourism in Bihar include publicity through tourist literature printed and distributed by the Department of Tourism; and providing financial assistance for Sound and Light Show at Buxar; trained elephants for viewing Wild Life at Betla ; Forest Lodge at Betla ; Mini Bus at Hazaribagh, Boats at Tilaiya, Patna ; assistance for Vaishali Mahotsav and Kalchakra at Bodhgaya ; construction of Youth Hostel at Patna ; Development of Gautamvana and expansion of the ITDC hotel at Bodhgaya ; Cafeteria at Rajgir and Maner Sharif ; and construction of Toilet and drinking water facilities at Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Rajgir through Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) The State Government has submitted five new proposals for consideration in 1987-88.

(c) Yes, the proposals for 1987-88 include one proposal for Sound and light show at Kumbrar.

SHRI C.P. THAKUR : Sir, I think the Minister for giving a comprehensive reply regarding tourism in Bihar.

There was a proposal for developing a road by the side of the river Ganges in Patna. In that case it will develop as a good tourist spot. Is there any proposal before the Government in this regard ?

MUFTI MOHD. SYED : Sir, no proposal has been submitted by the State Government for the development of road on the side of the Ganges. If any proposal is made by the State Government, we are ready to consider it.

SHRI C.P. THAKUR : Sir, I want a little clarification about the light and sound arrangement depicting the ancient history of India at Kumbrar. Has any work been done in this regard or is it just at the proposal stage ?

MUFTI MOHD. SYED : There are some proposals submitted by the State Government for the flood lighting of Sasaram,

flood lighting of Venuvan-Rajgir, sound and light show at Kumbrar, Cultural Centre cum Auditorium at Rajgir, and wayside facilities at one Buddhist centre. These proposals are to be considered during the current year.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, tourist spots in Bihar are very undeveloped. The Barabar Hill in Gaya district and Tapovan in Nalanda district are very important from tourist point of view and a demand has been made in this august House on several occasions for the development of the Barabar Hill and Tapovan. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether Government have any specific proposal for the development of these tourist spots ; if so, what action has been taken in this regard ?

MUFTI MOHD. SYED : Sir, I have already stated that work was started a year back on all the important Buddhist tourist spots. I do not have complete information in respect of all tourist spots.

SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am asking about the Barabar Hill and Tapovan and not about the entire Bihar.

MUFTI MOHD. SYED : Sir, I do not have any information about it right now.

SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM : Sir, the question of the development of the Hill and Tapovan has been discussed in this august House on a number of occasions.

MR. SPEAKER : He does not have the information. Please sit down. Yes, Mr. Namgyal, the question is on Bihar, what you have to ask in it ?

[*English*]

SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister that Bodh Gaya is the most sacred pilgrim centre for the Buddhists all over the world. In reply to the question, the Minister has stated that some ITDC hotels are being constructed

there. Sir, most of our home tourists, Buddhists who are going to Bodh Gaya are from poor sections of our country, from States like Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim etc. So, I would like to know from the Minister what steps the Government propose to take to build a hotel like Yatri Niwas, a cheap hotel in Bodh Gaya so that tourists from poorer sections of the population can be accommodated there conveniently.

MUFTI MOHD. SYED : It is a fact that many types of tourists come to Bodh Gaya. About the suggestion made by the hon. Member to build a Yatri Niwas at Bodh Gaya, we are proposing to have one Yatri Niwas. ITDC has developed some facilities for some additional accommodation.

[*Translation*]

Import of Garments by Foreign Countries

*477. **SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI :** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of foreign countries have imported garments from India during 1985-86 and during the current year upto 30 September, 1986 ;

(b) if so, the names of these countries ;

(c) the value of garments imported from India country-wise ; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned by India thereby during the last three years year wise ?

[*English*]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A statement is given below.