

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : My question has not been answered.

MR. SPEAKER: When was the Consulate informed about it ?

SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA : On 21st September, 1982.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मैंने पूछा था कि यह मामला मिशन के ध्यान में कब लाया गया और अदालत में कब गया ?

श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : मैंने बताया है कि इंडियन कंसूलेट में 21 सितम्बर 1982 को गया ।

Thereafter they came in for assistance.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : माननीय सदस्य का कहना है कि कंसूलेट को कब पता लगा और कोर्ट में कब गया ? पहले गया या बाद में गया ?

SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA : The date on which it became *sub judice* was 13-9-1982.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मामला मिशन के ध्यान में पहले क्यों नहीं लाया गया ?

श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : इसके लिए एक्सपोर्टर्स जवाब देह हैं, हम और आप नहीं ।

श्री भीकराम जैन : इंटरनेशनल ट्रेड में इर्रेवोकेबल लैटर आफ क्रेडिट बहुत जरूरी चीज है । लैटर आफ क्रेडिट के बाद इंडियन एक्सपोर्टर्स माल भेजें और इंपोर्टर्स एक्सेप्ट न करें, अगर यह प्रथा रही तो इंडियन गवर्नमेंट इंडियन एक्सपोर्टर्स को क्या प्रोटेक्शन देने जा रही है ?

श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : एक्सपोर्ट प्रमोशन काउंसिल ने एक्सपोर्टर्स एंटाइटलमेंट इंडीविजुअली एक्सपोर्टर्स को इश्यू किया था । सातो

एक्सपोर्टर्स ने इस काउंसिल को लिख कर भेजा है ।

श्री भीकराम जैन : मैंने इस विषय में नहीं पूछा है । मैंने जनरल पूछा है । यहां के एक्सपोर्टर्स का माल डिसपैच के लिए तैयार है और वहां का कोर्ट गलत बता दे तो ऐसी स्थिति में इंडियन एक्सपोर्टर्स को प्रोटेक्शन देने के लिए क्या व्यवस्था है ?

श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : यहां जनरल सवाल नहीं है, यहां पर्टिकुलर सवाल है ।

SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY : At present the remedy is to change the Minister.

(Interruptions)

श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : एक्सपोर्ट प्रमोशन काउंसिल, जिसने एंटाइटलमेंट इश्यू किया है, उसके विचाराधीन है ।

Bilateral agreements on export of garments are monitored by the Apparels Exports Promotion Council.

श्री भीकराम जैन : मैंने सवाल इसलिए किया है क्योंकि यह बहुत गम्भीर मसला है । हमारा बहुत एक्सपोर्ट होता है इसलिए जब तक एक्सपोर्टर्स को प्रोटेक्शन नहीं मिलेगा तब तक उनमें काफिडेंस नहीं आयेगा । गवर्नमेंट को दुबारा इस विषय में न्यान देना चाहिए ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप दुबारा सवाल पूछ लीजिए ।

MR. SPEAKER : Next question—Shrimati Geeta Mukherjee . . . Then, Shri A.K. Roy.

#### Development of Chhota Nagpur Plateau as Tourist Centre

\*728. SHRI A. K. ROY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that the Chhotanagpur Plateau could be developed for tourist centre in India ;

(b) if so, steps taken so far in that direction ;

(c) whether in the Sixth Five-Year Plan there is any move in that direction ;

(d) if so, facts in details ; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

Yes Sir. In the 2nd Five Year Plan the Department had provided Rest Houses and transport facilities in the Damodar Valley Corporation area which is part of Chhotanagpur Plateau at a cost of Rs. 6.37 lakhs. In the Sixth Five Year Plan the Department has taken up/proposes to take up the following schemes in the Chhotanagpur Plateau :

- (i) A mini bus at Hazaribagh National Park at a cost of Rs. 2.50 lakhs.
- (ii) Boats at Tilaiya Dam at a cost of Rs. 2.25 lakhs.
- (iii) Forest Lodge at Betla in the Palamau Game Sanctuary at a cost of Rs. 46.76 lakhs.
- (iv) Four elephants for viewing wild life at Betla in the Palamau Game Sanctuary at a cost of Rs. 1.35 lakhs.
- (v) A joint venture hotel scheme at Ranchi between ITDC and the Bihar Tourism Development Corporation.

SHRI A. K. ROY : The meagre statement which should have been read and not laid on the Table of the House shows

that the Ministry of Tourism has definitely done injustice to Bihar in general and Chhotanagpur, in particular. Tourism though it is now earning for us Rs. 850 crores in foreign exchange, has reached the dead end. Its progress has been slow. It was 10% in 1975-76 ; in 1979 it came down to 2.2%, in 1981 it was 1.1% and this year it is only 0.5% and it, therefore, suggests a diversification and exploration of new tourism sites. And in that, Bihar, both north and south, can provide you a good avenue. It is a place where Buddhism and Jainism took birth and it is having both old temples and new temples and in Chhotanagpur the Parasnath Hillis are there. It is a good site for tourism. It is also having the temples of new India which Nehru called—that is, the projects and dams and your statement is absolutely incomplete and silent about all those rich sites and sites of tourist interest. . . . I am coming to the question. . . .

Your statement does not include all those water falls. That is my question. I want to know whether the Government has taken note of the rich water falls—the Hoodoo water falls the Rajarappa waterfalls, and also the Gautamdham water falls.

MR. SPEAKER : Please put the question.

SHRI A. K. ROY : The Parasnath temples will connect those waterfalls with the tourism facilities to enhance the tourism in that area. Are you aware that a national park in Hazaribagh which is one of the places of tourist attraction is now on the way to ruin due to unscrupulous activities of the contractors ? In view of that, will you take up the matter with the Bihar Government ?

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Roy—I will call it irrelevant—all of it.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : I would like to assure the hon Member that we have not neglected Bihar or in fact any other region as far as tourism

is concerned. But it must be realised that this is a very vast country and there are numerous places and regions which have to be developed for tourism and infrastructure has to be provided in a balanced manner so that it is spread all over the country. Now, in this particular case, I would like to say that in Bihar we have in fact done much more than what we have done in some of the other States. . . . . (Interruptions)

I think Vayudoot is not the only thing which will increase the tourism in that State or in the country. The infrastructure required is basically the same—accommodation and transport facility. Now, for accommodation in Bihar, you know that there are tourist lodges all over Bihar—in Bodhgaya, in Ranchi, in Netarghat and in Hazaribagh. We are also constructing a forest lodge in the Betla forest on which, as you know, we are spending Rs. 46 lakhs. Besides the transport facilities have been provided at Patna. In addition to this we have also decided to construct a hotel in collaboration with the State Government at Ranchi. The construction of this hotel will start soon. There is also proposal to mount a sound and light show. We have already given Rs. 20 lakh to Bihar State Government to prepare and do the needful work before a sound and light show is mounted.

SHRI A. K. ROY : Sir, I would like to know, can't we give up five-star tourism culture? We have got starred questions and unstarred questions. Starred questions are replied daily in Parliament and unstarred questions are given only a written answer but we don't have five-star questions whereas ITDC is only after five-star hotels. Tourism is not only to extract money from the foreigners and then all the tourists are not rich. In the Sixth plan ITDC has taken up 400 new hotel projects envisaging 29,332 rooms accommodation. I would like to know how many of these hotels are starred hotels and how many are unstarred hotels and how many of them will be in Bihar especially in Chhotanagpur?

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN : Sir, I would like to tell the hon. Members

that tourism in this country is not five-star culture only. Hardly one-third of the hotels in this country are five-star and the rest of them are from one-star to four-star. The hotel that we are constructing at Ranchi is three-star which is for low budget tourists. I hope this meets your requirement.

AN HON. MEMBER : What about the forest lodge?

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN : This is for seeing the wild life. The wild life is so rich that we have provided the forest lodge and provided elephants so that you can ride and see the wild life in the forest. At Talliya Dam we have provided boats for boating. We are doing all this. This is not for five-star tourists. This is for all tourists and whatever facilities and infrastructure is provided is not basically for any particular type of tourists. It is for all tourists.

#### Cotton Exporting Agencies

\*730. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to lay a statement showing :

(a) What are the names of the various cotton exporting agencies in India ;

(b) the total value of cotton exported by each of those cotton exporting agencies in 1981-82 and 1982-83 ; and

(c) the details of the measures taken by Government to increase the export of cotton in 1983-84 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.