

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). The amount so far spent in the Fourth Plan on tourism schemes in Gujarat is Rs. 14,09,300, on the construction of a tourist bungalow and the mounting of a Son-et-Lumiere show at Sabarmati. In addition, it is proposed to augment the existing accommodation in the Gir Sanctuary and provide transport facilities at a cost of about Rs. 10 lakhs. The State Government propose to spend Rs. 50 lakhs on other schemes during the Fourth Plan.

Assistance from Aid India Consortium

*1037. **SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of aid sought by India from Aid India Consortium for the Fourth Plan period;

(b) the total aid so far received from the Consortium; and

(c) what further aid is expected from the Consortium?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). The Aid India Consortium provides aid on an annual basis and not for a Plan period of 5 years. The commitments made by the Aid India Consortium members for the first two years of the Fourth Plan viz., 1969-70 and 1970-71 amounted to \$831 million (Rs. 624 crores) and \$752 million (Rs. 564 crores) respectively.

(c) At the recent meeting held at Paris, Members of the Consortium agreed that for the year which began April 1, 1971, levels of new commitments of non-project assistance of about \$650 million, of project assistance of about \$500 million and food aid of about \$100 million would be desirable. Within the total, Members indicated action which would result in about \$90 million in debt relief. Firm commitments for aid in 1971-72 will, however, be available only after the necessary legislative and governmental approvals by the concerned Member Countries.

Diversion to India of aid Committed to Pakistan by World Bank Consortium

*1039. **SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has made any effort to seek diversion of a portion of the aid, provided by the world Bank Consortium to Pakistan, to India for the benefit of the East Bengal refugees in India; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). Aid Pakistan Consortium met informally in Paris on June 21, 1971 under the Chairmanship of the World Bank. According to the Press release issued by the World Bank, neither the Bank asked the Members to indicate intended Commitments of new economic or development aid to Pakistan, nor were any such indications given. In view of this, the question of diversion of assistance given by the World Bank to Pakistan for the use of East Bengal refugees does not arise. We have, however, emphasized in international forums including the Consortium that the Bangla Desh refugees are a responsibility of the international community and adequate international assistance for the temporary maintenance of these refugees in India should be made available to us.

Guidelines Regarding Bonus Shares

*1041. **SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently amended the guidelines about bonus shares; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir; a statement indicating the amendments made and the reasons therefor is laid on the Table of the House.