

SHRI K.R. GANESH : On the basis of an agreement with the employees' association, there was a mid-term survey of 40 cities, the basis was that cities which in the 1961 census had 10 per cent less population to qualify for the next higher class were selected. On the basis of that selection, they were upgraded. Cochin and Gwalior did not come in that.

श्री शंकर श्यामल सिंह : मंत्री महोदय क्या यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जो शहरों के अपग्रेडेशन की बात चल रही है उसमें बिहार के शहरों का क्या स्थान और जमशेदपुर भी आते हैं या नहीं ?

SHRI K.R. GANESH : As I said, the question of upgradation of cities will be taken up only when the final figures are available.

SHRI N. SREEKANTAN NAIR : In view of the fact that there was an artificial separation of Cochin and Ernakulam, in view of the fact that the cost of living in Ernakulam and Cochin are very high and that Greater Cochin now contemplates to bring in a much larger area making it really consonant with cost of living there, will Government consider upgrading the Cochin city as a special case?

SHRI K.R. GANESH : As I mentioned, is a question of waiting for a few months before the final figures are available.

Youth Hostels in Towns

*426. **SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to open free Youth Hostels in the Presidency or big towns in the next year; and

(b) if so, broad outlines of the scheme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION : (DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI) : (a) and (b). It is proposed to set up new Youth Hostels at Jaipur, Madras, Hampi, Trivandrum, Bhopal, Patnitop and Darjeeling during the current Plan with a view to promoting youth travel by providing inexpensive accommodation. The pattern of the scheme is that the State Governments concerned will offer land as their contribution while the cost

of construction and furnishing will be borne by the Central Government.

SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI : I understand from the reply of the Minister that the Charges will be inexpensive for the youth in general. I would like to know whether it will be free as in many parts of the world such as USSR and Japan. I also want to know what are those inexpensive charges. It is said about tourist homes also that their charges are inexpensive but we know it for a fact that in some tourist homes it is costlier than some of the expensive hotels in the city. Will the government provide hostel facilities free of charge to the university and college students?

DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI : By "inexpensive" it means at less cost. There is no comparison of youth hostels with costly hotels. These youth hostels are being built with a view to encouraging domestic tourism and also travel by youth in the country. They will be inexpensive.

SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI : Who would actually be able to take advantage of them? Now the existing belief is that they are meant for the sons of IAS and ICS officers, Ministers and Secretaries. Would students of recognised Institutions and recognised clubs be treated as youths?

DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI : Youth has reference to age and not with reference to IAS officers.

SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI : Now unless the youths are sons of IAS or ICS officers, or they get some recommendation letter, they are not able to avail of them.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : May I know whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 22 lakhs has been provided for the improvement of tourism in West Bengal in the current plan and in that programme the setting up of youth hostels has also been included? If so, whether it is not a fact that Darjeeling and Digha, one a hill resort and another a sea resort, are the two main centres to attract the youths? Out of these Digha is less costly compared to Darjeeling where the cost of living is much higher. So, why is Digha not being developed and why youth hostels are not being established there?

DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI : The amount provided is Rs. 25 lakhs, and not Rs. 22 lakhs, for the construction of youth hostels in West Bengal. I think the Minister of Tourism of West Bengal also agreed that it should be set up at Darjeeling. Digha, which is a beach resort, can be developed by the State Government.

श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा : मै मंत्री महोदया में पूछना चाहूंगा कि यह जो होटल होंगे इनके जो चाँजें होंगे भारे देश में उनका पैटर्न एका ही होना या अलग-अलग हर स्टेट के लिहाज में होगा ?

डॉ. सरोजिनी माहिसी : भारे देश में उनका पैटर्न एका ही होगा ।

Changes in Investment Policy towards India by Japan

*428. **SHRI S.M. KRISHNA :**
SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Japanese Mission headed by Mitsubishi, after its visit to India, suggested to the Japanese Government for changes in regard to investment policy towards India;

(b) if so, how far these changes in Japan's investment policy will help India; and

(c) what are the items on which Japan has shown interest in India?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) Government have no information in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the last one year the Japanese have shown interest in the export/manufacture of items like Ossein, Flourspar, Electronic components, Deep sea fishing, Power cables Textile machinery, Fertilizers, T.V. Transmission equipment, Dry cells, Capacitors, High Carbon and Special grade wire rods etc.

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA : Is it not a fact that a delegation consisting of 12 leading Japanese industrialists, led by Mitsubishi, came to India about a month and a half ago, went round the country meeting industrialists as

well as Government officials to find out if the investment climate in India had appreciably changed after the last elections? Has it also come to the notice of Government that the leader of the delegation in a press interview said that after the recent general elections in India the investment climate had appreciably changed?

SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN : At least I will correct him in certain matters. The leader of the delegation was not Mitsubishi because it is a concern.

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA : I know ; Nakagawa was the leader.

SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN : Mr. Nakagawa, the Managing Director of the company, was the leader. They came here, went round, saw thing and made a statement before leaving India at Calcutta. They indicated some good feelings about India and expressed the view that the hon. Member has mentioned. But we have not got any information whether they have made any recommendation to the Government of Japan. That we do not know, but certainly we know that they have issued some statement. They have also assured us that they will send us some report. We are expecting that report.

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA : During the last visit of the Prime Minister of India to Japan it was suggested that a small cell of the India Investment Centre, attached to the Indian Embassy, would be started in Tokyo so that the leading industrialists of Japan could be educated about the investment sphere in New Delhi and other parts of India. I would like to know if Government have taken steps to start that cell in Tokyo; If so, what is the progress that the cell has made in attracting Japanese investment in India?

SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN : I have not got exact information about any decision taken by the Investment Centre to start a local office there. It is a question of finding out various methods of getting the Japanese industrialists and other people interested in investment in India. That can be done in many ways. A cell or office is also one of the ideas. But at the present moment I have not got any definite information about the cell idea.

SHRI N. SREEKANTAN NAIR : Has