

Construction of Hotels under Tourist Development Scheme

*292. SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount so far given as Loan for the construction of hotels under the Tourist Development Scheme, State-wise;

(b) how much capacity has so far been added by this provision, to the existing capacity of lodging of tourists in the hotels; and

(c) what is the target under the scheme referred to above?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :
(a) Loan amounting to Rs. 248.59 lakhs have been approved under the Hotel Development Loan Scheme for Hotel Projects located in Hyderabad, Bombay and Calcutta. Of this sum, Rs. 20 lakhs were disbursed in March 1969 and the balance will be advanced when the applicants have completed the requisite formalities. Allocations under the Scheme are not made State-wise but on the merits and eligibility of individual applications.

(b) With the completion of the Hotel Projects for which loans have been approved so far, 860 Hotel rooms will have been added to the existing capacity.

(c) It is estimated that with the disbursement of the balance of the provision of Rs. 5 crores under the Hotel Development Loan Scheme, approximately another 800 rooms will be added.

Financial help to Hotels in Private Sector

*293. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to give more financial help to private hotels in the country as against the public sector hotels in the Fourth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the total financial help given to the private hotels since the end of the Third Plan vis-a-vis the public sector hotels and the total foreign tourists who have stayed in both during the same period ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rs. 5.00 crores have been earmarked for loans to the private sector. Loans totalling Rs. 248.59 lakhs have been approved of which Rs. 20 lakhs have been disbursed so far. As regards public sector hotels, since the end of the Third Five Year Plan, Rs. 10.25 crores have been earmarked for the construction of such hotels, and Rs. 2.6 crores paid in the form of equity share capital and loans to existing hotels. Complete information is not available regarding the number of foreign tourists who have stayed in all hotels.

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*294. SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :
SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN :
SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPA-
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report of the Sarkar Committee on the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has been submitted to Government; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) Part-I of the Report has been submitted to the President, C.S.I.R. on 27.2.1970.

(b) This part deals largely with the first term of reference and deals with certain allegations concerning various appointments