

SHRI ANIL BASU : You talk of delivery system. You see the delivery system here.

SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI : Would the government permit at the conceptual level NTPC to set up a dairy ?

SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : If we receive a proposal, than we shall consider it.

[Translation]

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOO-WALIA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, National Dairy Development Corporation proposes to diversify its activities. But the milk supply is declining day by day. Private suppliers are buying milk at Rs. 3.50 a litre and selling it at Rs. 7.50. When Shri Shaikh, Managing Director, Mother Dairy was asked about the shortfall in milk supply, he cited scarcity of water and fodder as reasons...

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : It has been reported in the Press. It is about electricity.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOO-WALIA : If it has been reported in the Press, I shall leave it. I only want to ask if the Government propose to increase the price of milk in Delhi.

SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

[Translation]

Sound and Light Programme at Chittorgarh fort

*640. **PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT :** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Rajasthan Government for starting sound and light programme at Chittorgarh fort to make it a centre of tourist attraction;

(b) if so, the time by which this programme is likely to be arranged at Chittorgarh fort;

(c) whether there are any other proposals under consideration to make

Chittorgarh a centre of tourist attraction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDAR GOMANGO) : (a) The Ministry of Tourism has received no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The Ministry have approved in principle a proposal for floodlighting of Chittorgarh Fort.

PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to request the hon. Minister through you that every year the number of tourists coming to India touches a new low. From the point of view of world tourism only 0.4% of international tourists have India on their itinerary. The Government does not have any proposal for the development of important tourist centres in the country. Chittorgarh fort is a place of tourist attraction. The ramparts of the fort remind us of its glorious past; a past where there is valour of Padmini, the sacrifice of Pannabai and devotional music of Meera. That such a fort should remain devoid of a sound-and-light programme is certainly a matter of regret. Secondly, I want to know whether the Government will be willing to consider a proposal by the Rajasthan Government towards this end ?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Sir, the Rajasthan Government had sent three proposals—Jaipur, Jaisalmer and Chittorgarh Forts. The Maharana Jodhpur's proposal was approved and the Government sanctioned Rs. 5 lakhs. About the sound-and-light programme, Sir, on examining that proposal we considered floodlighting of the Chittorgarh fort. In keeping with its policy, the Government agreed to the proposal of spot-lighting the Chittorgarh fort. At the time this proposal was approved, the estimated expenditure was Rs. 13 lakh 58 thousand. Now the revised estimates have raised the amount to Rs. 16 lakh 42 thousand. This is the only plan in the current financial year and the Government is considering to sanction it.

PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : I would like to thank

the hon. Minister for at least considering floodlighting of the fort if not a sound-and-light programme there. Will the Government still consider to make this place more attractive for tourists ?

The West Zone Cultural Centre has been set up to develop tourism in the area. The Mewar Utsavs celebrated by this Centre are quite useless. An ordinary function is held on a dry lake-bed. Chittorgarh is a place whose very name is thrilling and conjures up visions of India's colourful past. It is a place where history speaks. Is the Government thinking of developing Chittorgarh in the near future ?

I suggest that the Government should connect Chittorgarh by air with other parts of the country. There is an airport in Udaipur. Can Chittorgarh be connected with Udaipur through a helicopter service so that the place may have more attraction as tourist centre ?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Whatever has been approved for Chittorgarh requires permission and clearance from the Archaeological Survey of India also. The State Government is also trying and we too have written to the Archaeological Survey of India and discussed with them. Funds will be sanctioned on getting clearance from them.

Chittorgarh Fort is an important monument and there are victory pillars in the fort also. Flood-lights have been arranged keeping this all in mind.

As regards 'air-link' facility, question may be asked from the Civil Aviation Ministry. We in the Tourism Ministry discuss it with them in so far as an air-link is necessary for promotion of tourism in an area.

PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Archaeological Survey...

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I cannot allow. Nothing will go on record.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN : Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the entire State of Rajasthan is dotted with forts and 'havelis',

each of them a symbol of India's rich heritage. These spots also have a place of religious importance in the vicinity. One such place is my constituency Jhunjhunu.

In Jhunjhunu area a place called Udaipur Vati has its origins in the time of Lohagarji. Every pilgrim visits this religious centre after completing his pilgrimage. Other important places in the Jhunjhunu area are Salasar, Khatu-Shyamji, Jind, Sakram and Lohagarji. These places are frequently visited by a large number of tourists. Could the hon. Minister please seek information about these places from the Rajasthan Government, and will the Government be kind enough to give its approval for the development of these places ?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : This question relates to Chittorgarh fort. The hon. Member can ask a separate question regarding the development of the above mentioned places.

[*English*]

Utility of Foreign Exchange Spent by ITDC

*643. **SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ITDC is permitted to spend foreign exchange to the extent of 10 per cent of its total earnings for its different activities;

(b) if so, the amount spent during the years 1984-85 to 1986-87 and on which activities; and

(c) the benefit accrued to the India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. pursuant to each such activity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c). A Statement is given below.

Statement

The India Tourism Development Corporation is permitted to spend foreign exchange upto a maximum of 10% of its