

to set up a tourist complex in Ganjam district. The Department, however, have already asked the Town & Country Planning Organisation to prepare a Master Plan for the development of Chilka Lake. The State Department of Tourism are also bringing out brochures for publicising various places in the Ganjam District of Orissa. The State Department of Tourism has opened Tourist Offices at Rambha and Berhampur. They have also constructed a Tourist Bungalow one each at Rambha and Taptapani. Three boats out of which one was provided by the Central Government are in operation at Rambha near Chilka Lake. In the Seventh Plan the State Government propose to take up the development of other places of tourist interest in Ganjam District subject to the availability of resources.

Promotion of land sailing sport in Kutch

3414. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing international popularity of land sailing (Sailing in a yacht with 3 wheels) as a sport;

(b) whether finest terrain in the world for promoting this sports is the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat;

(c) whether the Ministry of Tourism has been advised to promote this sport for international regattas; and

(d) steps proposed to be taken to popularise this sport in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Government are aware that such a sport is practised abroad.

(b) Government have no information on the subject.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) These will depend on the popularity of the sport within the country.

Proper Maintenance of Indian Airlines Aircraft

3415. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines aircraft are not being properly maintained as a result of which usually plane crash is caused; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons of plane crashes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) No, Sir. Indian Airlines aircraft are being maintained according to approved maintenance schedules.

(b) The percentage of accidents attributable to aircraft failure in Indian Airlines is negligible. The factors accounting for most of the accidents are mainly weather and human error.

Conversion of Union Territories into States

3416. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to convert Union Territories into States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.