

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The shortfall is mainly due to non-availability of SC/ST candidates in adequate numbers. All efforts are made to fill vacancies reserved for SC/ST from candidates belonging to these communities.

(e) Number of reserved vacancies which lapsed during this period was 4 in respect of SC and 13 in respect of ST.

Counter Verification of candidates for recruitment to Central Services

3422. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the usual procedure of Police verification for the recruitment of candidates to Central Services is being done by the concerned State Police authorities;

(b) whether there is a counter verification by Central Intelligence Agencies regarding the candidates from certain States including Kerala; and

(c) if so, the reasons for conducting such counter verifications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Verification of antecedents of candidates has been adopted as a usual practice for screening candidates for employment in Government service. The prescribed attestation form furnished by the candidate is referred to the district authorities who are under the administrative control of the State Governments. Where, however, the information received is inadequate to determine the suitability of the persons, the Government have to obtain further material or information

from any of its available agencies. Accordingly, instructions were issued to appointing authorities for having character and antecedents of candidates from a few States, including Kerala, verified through the Intelligence Bureau also.

Damage to SHAR Project due to Cyclone

3423. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any damage to the SHAR Project of Sriharikota due to the recent cyclones in November, 1984; if so, details thereof;

(b) the measures taken to rectify the damage;

(c) whether 'ISTRAC' Unit of Sriharikota is going to be shifted elsewhere; and

(d) if so, reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS. (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b) Damages have occurred in SHAR Centre, Sriharikota, due to the recent cyclones in November, 1984. As per the assessment, the following are the details of damages due to cyclone at SHAR :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

(i) Damages to the buildings and services :	121.90
(ii) Repairs and reconstruction of the Sullurpetta-Sriharikota road including the RCC bridge across Buckingham Canal :	102.28
(iii) Damages to equipment/materials/installations :	135.34
Total :	359.52

The restoration works in different areas are proceeding and all Project works and activities in the Centre have since been resumed.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to shift any facilities, including those ISTRAC from SHAR Centre, Sriharikota, to elsewhere. However, the new Spacecraft Control Centre for Indian Remote Sensing Satellite (IRS-SCC) and the ISTRAC Headquarters are being located at Bangalore on strictly technical considerations. This does not involve the shifting of any facilities from SHAR Centre.

Boeing Services on Delhi-Madras route

3424. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce boeing services on Delhi-Madras route via Tirupathi Airport, a pilgrim town of national importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any representation has been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir,

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of a youth hostel in Manipur

3425. PROF. KAMSON MEIJIN-EUNG : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of youth hostels proposed to be set up in the country in the near future;

(b) whether Manipur State will have atleast one of such proposed Youth Hostel; and

(c) if so, the amount of funds allocated therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Besides 18 youth hostels already functioning, another 10 such hostels are expected to come up in the near future.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. One youth hostel at Imphal to be constructed at the cost of Rs. 26.29 lakhs has been already sanctioned.

Approval to ITDC's collaboration with odener Hotels

3426. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE :
SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has approved the India Tourism Development Corporation's collaboration proposed with Odener Hotels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ITDC has also submitted any other proposal for similar tie up with a leading Europe based agency; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of the Agreement are given in the attached statement.

(c) and (d) The Government have also approved ITDC's proposal to have