

Map of Archaeological Site of India

1390. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bhulabhai Desai Memorial Trust brings out a map showing the archaeological sites of India costing only Rs. 5 per copy;

(b) whether the National Institute of Design is printing about 10,000 copies of same map with some changes and charging the Festival of India about Rs. 50/- per copy; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the large variation in the prices of the two maps ?

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) No, Sir. The National Institute of Design is printing 20,000 copies of a cultural map of India at the rate of Rs. 12.25 per copy.

(c) Question does not arise.

Catering Contract for Festival of India in Paris

1391. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether catering contract for the Festival of India in Paris was given to Taj Hotel group, instead of ITDC; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor ?

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) Catering arrangements for the Inaugural Mela in Paris on 7 and 8, 1985 were entrusted to the Taj group of Hotels.

(b) The reason for entrusting the catering to the Taj Group was that this Group has extensive operations in U. K. as well as a restaurant in Paris which made it relatively easy for them to make large scale arrangements in Paris. The ITDC was given the catering for the Folk Life Festival in Washington from June 26 to July 9, 1985. It would not have been possible for the ITDC to cater at both occasions.

Condition of Tourist Spots in Bihar

1392. DR. G. S RAJHANS :
DR. C. S. VERMA :

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the Tourist Spots in Bihar State are becoming from bad to worse day by day;

(b) whether Central Government have conducted any survey on these tourists spots and gone through the condition;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to survey these tourists spots in the near future; and

(d) the further efforts Government propose to make to bring the tourists spots in good condition ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). There is no proposal under consideration for undertaking a survey of tourist spots in the State of Bihar. However, the Department have prepared master plans (land-use plans) for integrated development of some important tourist places such as Bodhgaya, Rajgir and Nalanda.

(d) In the VII Plan both the State Department and the Central Department of Tourism will take up schemes for improvement and development of infrastructural facilities including the Buddhist sites in Bihar, depending on the availability of resources and inter-se priorities.