

Haldighati Tourist Centre

1353. SHRI JAI NARAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state (a): what special steps Government propose for the promotion of Haldighati as a tourist centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): Before promoting Haldighati as a tourist centre, it will be necessary to provide facilities. With this in view the Department of Tourism has commissioned a master plan of Mewar Complex which includes Haldighati, Chawand, Rakta Talai, Gogunda and Kumbalgarh. The master plan is expected to be finalised in the next few months. Thereafter the provision of facilities will be considered in accordance with the master plan subject to the availability of funds and *inter se* priorities.

Selection by ITDC of places of pilgrimage/Tourist interest in H.P., J&K, Punjab and Haryana

1354. PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the I.T.D.C. has drawn up any plan for the promotion of tourism in the places of pilgrimage and tourist interest in Himachal Pradesh, J & K, Punjab and Haryana;

(b) if so, the names of such places as have been selected by the I.T.D.C. for this purpose alongwith the facilities sought to be provided there; and

(c) the estimated expenditure in each case and the likely dates for the completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) to (c). The Five Year Plan (1978-83) of the I.T.D.C. included a lump sum provision of Rs. 30.00 lakhs for expansion of the existing travellers lodges

located at different places, including those at Kulu and Manali in Himachal Pradesh, and Rs. 100.00 lakhs for setting up of a 50 room 2-3 star hotel at Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir. The Five Year Plan is, however, being reviewed. Though the Annual Plan outlay for 1980-81 includes a token provision for these schemes yet it is difficult to say at this stage whether it will be possible to take up any of these schemes during that year.

Export of Manganese Ore

1355. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revive the policy regarding export of Manganese ore; and

(b) whether, in view of the great demand, Government propose to increase the duty on export so as to have more revenue?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Demands of Air Corporation Employees Union

1356. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Corporation Employees Union has served a notice to the management regarding their proposal;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the employees; and

(c) whether this had any effect on the flight schedule?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION AND LABOUR (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.