

It was, therefore, decided to utilise the services of this Accounts Officer for another year to avoid dislocation of work on the Finance side.

(c) The said Accounts Officer applied for the post of Chief Accountant (Southern Region) in the scale of Rs. 1800—2000 in the India Tourism Development Corporation in response to an open advertisement in the newspaper and his application was routed through his parent department i.e. Accountant General, Commerce, Works and Miscellaneous now Director of Audit, Commerce, Works and Miscellaneous). He has been relieved to join the India Tourism Development Corporation as Senior Accounts Officer with effect from 17-3-1980 in the scale of Rs. 1100-1600 on the advice of his parent office.

#### **Income-tax Assessee prosecuted for Offences by Income Tax Department**

2109. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of assesseees with annual income exceeding Rs. 50,000 who have been prosecuted by Income Tax Department during April, 1977 to December, 1979 (year-wise) with details thereof;

(b) the nature of their offences;

(c) the action taken against each one of the offenders; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA):

(a) to (d) Requisite information for the period from April, 1977 to December, 1979 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Steps taken to promote Hotel Industry**

2110. SHRI ARIF MOHAMAD KHAN:

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

(a) what is the latest policy of Government for Hotel Industries, through I.T.D.C.;

(b) how many entrepreneurs applied for the four and five Star hotels during the year 1978-79 and 1979-80 up to February, 1980 in the entire country; and

(c) what steps Government contemplate to promote the Hotel Industry to encourage Tourists in this country in near future?

#### **THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION & LABOUR**

(SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): (a) The I.T.D.C. provides accommodation facilities according to the requirements of each tourist centre. However, the emphasis is on creating hotel accommodation in the low and medium priced range in order to cater to the needs of the increasing volume of budget minded foreign tourists and domestic travellers.

(b) Star categories are awarded to functioning hotels after they are inspected for purpose of classification by the Hotel and Restaurant Approval and Classification Committee. During the period April, 1978—February, 1980, 64 hotel projects were granted approval by the Central Department of Tourism.

(c) Government is in the process of formulating its policy in regard to the development of hotels to further stimulate the expansion of the accommodation sector of tourism.

#### **Non-supply of Steel Material to North Eastern States**

2111. SHRI P. A. SANGMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in spite of a special scheme evolved for the distribution of steel material, to the North-Eastern States, they are not getting steel materials; if so, the reasons therefor;