

of the Tribal Sub-Plan. The Sixth Five Year Plan had recommended four objectives :

- (i) raising the level of productivity in various sectors for the alleviation of poverty ;
- (ii) both formal and informal education to be given high priority ;
- (iii) elimination of exploitation ; and
- (iv) Provision of adequate infrastructure.

Two new objectives have been added during the Seventh Plan which are :

- (i) vulnerable tribal areas and groups are to receive special attention.
- (ii) The degrading environment of tribal areas is to be improved.

(c) The Draft Tribal Sub-Plan documents for 1985-86 and the Seventh Plan 1985-90 have been discussed with all the States and Union Territories covered under the Tribal Sub-Plan. They have been instructed to incorporate the objectives and recommendations of the Working Group in their revised final Tribal Sub-Plan documents.

Survey about Tourism potential in Sikkim

4342. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of Tourism potential in Sikkim ;

(b) if so, the salient findings of the survey ; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) to (c). Tourism Potential Surveys are normally being undertaken by the respective State/U. T. Governments in relation to specific projects. The State Government of Sikkim has now initiated action for conducting such a survey in that State.

Cultural exhibition abroad

4343. KUMARI PUSHPA DFVI : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have established cultural ties with some countries ;

(b) if so, the names of the countries with which cultural ties have been established in the last two years ;

(c) whether cultural exhibition have been arranged by India in some countries during the above years ; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the amount spent on those exhibitions ?

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) During the last two years viz. 1983-84 and 1984-85, the Government of India entered into Cultural Agreements with 5 countries viz., Finland, Maldives, Burkina-Fasso (Upper Volta), Yemen Arab Republic and Venezuela.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A statement is given below,