

yet to be finalised. Travel agents and tour operators are also allowed the incentive to import articles up to a fixed percentage of their foreign exchange earnings.

(b) Yes, Sir. The concerned State Governments have already been requested to consider the abolition of Luxury Taxes and Building Taxes levied on hotels.

(c) and (d). These matters concern the State Governments and they are requested from time to time to grant suitable reliefs in these and other matters concerning the hotel industry.

**Central Assistance for Development of
Tourism and Tourist Potential in North
Eastern States**

883. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise break-up of Central financial assistance for the development of tourism during the last three years ending March, 1985;

(b) whether Union Government have made any comprehensive survey of the country's unexploited tourist potential with special reference to the North Eastern States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to make the survey ?

THE MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) The Department does not make State-wise allocation of funds for tourism development, it only provides financial assistance based on the merits of schemes forwarded by the State Governments. The central assistance provided to the approved schemes under the States/Union Territories in the North Eastern Region during the last 3 years ending upto March, 1985 is below :—

Assam	Rs. 22.09 Lakhs
Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 16.00 „
Manipur	Rs. 16.16 „
Meghalaya	Rs. 13.48 „
Mizoram	Rs. 6.00 „
Nagaland	Rs. 16.96 „
Tripura	Rs. 7.86 „

(b) to (d). The Department in consultation with the State Governments had identified 441 centres of tourist interest in the entire country for phased development of which 62 centres fall in the North Eastern Region. The centres identified in the North Eastern States are as follows :—

ASSAM	—	Guwahati, Jungalbalahu, Kaziranga, Sibsagar, Barapeta, Baroma, Manas
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	—	Tezpur, Bhalukpung, Bomdila, Tawang
MANIPUR	—	Imphal, Moirang, Kuktak Lake, Keibul Lamjao Park, Ukhrul
MEGHALAYA	—	Jorabat, Nongpoh, Barapani, Shillong, Mawngap, Weilo, Jukrem, Mawsynrap, Cherrapunji, Umtyngar, Dawki, Jowai, Nartiang, Passi, Garampani, Haflong, Bajengdoba, Rongram, Tura, Rongrengiri, Siju, Bagmara, Balpakram
MIZORAM	—	Aizawl
NAGALAND	—	Dimapur, Kohima, Wokha, Mokokchung, Tuensang, Zunhehoto, Phek
TRIPURA	—	Agartala, Sipahijala, Neermahal, Udaipur, Matabari, Amarpur, Dumbur, Gandachera, Kumarghat, Unakoti, Kailasahar, Jumpai