

Yes, Sir. The incident, however, took place on 5th December, 1986.

(c) The Yamunapuri Police have unearthed a gang of land racketeers and robbers. Ten persons have been arrested. Nine fake rubber stamps of various offices including the DDA, ten printing blocks and 200 blank forms titled "Residential allotment—Delhi Administration—Land and Housing Department to perpetual lease etc" have been recovered. The investigations revealed that this gang was also involved in commission of robberies. Looted & plan property worth more than Rs. 80,000/- has been recovered.

Indo-French Tie-Ups

1622. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a good scope exists for Indo-French tie-ups in different fields ;

(b) if so, whether any exploration has been made in this regard ;

(c) the outcome thereof and the areas identified so far ; and

(d) the nature of agreements reached, if any, in the recent past ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) to (c). Realising that there was potential to improve commercial and economic exchanges between India and France the Indo-French Joint Committee meeting held in December, 1985 and also the bilateral Joint Business Council meeting held on 10 December, 1986 identified certain areas for joint collaboration, including electronics, power, mining chemicals and petro chemicals, telecommunications, water resources and agriculture.

(d) During 1985 and 1986, Government of India approved 100 proposals (61 in 1985 and 39 in 1986) for industrial collaboration with French firms.

Proposal to set up Circlerama Theatre in New Delhi

1623. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Circlerama, 360 degrees theatre at New Delhi to display to the visiting tourists from abroad as well as domestic tourists and pilgrims, the places famous for the oldest heritage, culture, sculpture, arts and worship to attract more tourists ;

(b) if so, the likely date by which circlerama theatre will be established at New Delhi ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) No, Sir. Government do not propose to set up any such Circlerama 360 degrees Theatre at New Delhi.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Foreign Tourists Diverted for want of Accommodation

1624. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that quite a large number of foreign tourists had to be diverted during the past few weeks for want of hotel accommodation ;

(b) if so, the estimated total number of tourists who were turned away ; and

(c) keeping in view the fact that India has fixed a target of 2.5 million tourists in the country by 1990, the steps Government are taking to improve the infrastructure for accommodating so many visitors ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) and (b). The general shortage of hotel accommodation experienced at some of the major