

Instructions to States regarding delay in utilising the Earmarked Funds

5160. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether this Ministry issued instructions to the States to study the delay in utilising earmarked funds of different departments and intimate the steps adopted by them to utilise the funds in time particularly the funds for the Minimum Needs Programme, Rural Development Programme and tribal development programmes;

(b) whether this Ministry is aware of the fact that some States are unable to utilise the funds in time so far; and

(c) the reaction of Government of India regarding the utilisation of funds by the States?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) to (c). While no specific instructions have been issued by the Ministry of Finance to the State Governments to study the delay in utilising earmarked funds, the State Governments have been urged from time to time to gear up their machinery for implementation of Plan schemes and to take effective and determined action for proper utilisation of Plan allocations, including funds for the minimum needs programme, rural development and tribal development programme. Under the existing procedure for release of Central assistance for State Plans, any shortfall in the expenditure on the earmarked sectors/projects results in a proportionate reduction in the Central assistance and there is thus an inbuilt measure of deterrence against poor performance.

बीड पर्यटन स्थलों का विकास

5161. श्री हरमोहन चर्मा : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बीड पर्यटन स्थलों का विकास करने के लिए एक बिस्तृत

योजना बनाने का सरकार का विचार है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसकी रूपरेखा क्या है ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री पुरुषोत्तम कौशिक) : (क) और (ख). केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग ने राजगिर तथा नालंदा के मास्टर प्लान (लैंड-यूस-प्लान) तैयार करा लिए हैं। बोंधगया का मास्टर प्लान (लैंड-यूस-प्लान) तैयार किया जा रहा है। इन मास्टर प्लानों (लैंड-यूस-प्लानों) के आधार पर विभिन्न प्रकार के आवास, कैफेटीरिया, शहर स्थल तथा कार पार्क आदि जैसी पर्यटन सुविधाओं का विकास किया जाएगा। स्मारकों के प्राकृतिक परिवेश की संभाव्यता करने के लिए पर्यावरण में सुधार के भी उपाय किए जायेंगे।

Direct flight between Coimbatore and New Delhi

5162. SHRI K. A. RAJU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Government of India to introduce a direct flight between Coimbatore and New Delhi; and

(b) if so, when will the proposed flight be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) No, Sir. Not at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Economy in Administration

5163. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken in 1977 to effect economy in the administration of his Ministry;