

**Foreign Debt**

632. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of foreign debt payable by India before and after March, 1977?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGRAWAL): The amount of foreign debt (excluding suppliers credits) payable by India on 31st March, 1977 and 31st December, 1978 (at current rates of exchange) was Rs. 11,494 crores and Rs. 12,258 crores respectively.

**Appointment of I.A.F. Officer as D.G.C.A.**

633. SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the appointment of an I.A.F. Officer as Director General of Civil Aviation has been resented by Civil Aviation Officers; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, but taking into consideration all factors, an Indian Air Force Officer was appointed as Director-General of Civil Aviation in the larger interest of the working of the Department.

**Development of Amritsar Airport as an International Airport**

634. SHRI BASANT SINGH  
KHALSA:  
SHRI DURGA CHAND:

Will the MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to develop Amritsar as an international airport; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b). The feasibility of Air-India operating a few of their International services from and to Amritsar is being examined.

**Gujarat Government's Request for Development of Tourist Spots in the State**

635. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Gujarat has approached the Central Government for the development of Tourist spots in the State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereon and the names of the tourist spots that are going to be developed during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b). In pursuance of the decision taken in the Tourism Ministers Conference held in November 1978 to select two centres/schemes for development in the Central Sector in each State/Union Territory, the State Government of Gujarat has suggested the following proposals:—

(1) Development of Ahmedpur Mandovi in Junagadh District (Rs. 100 lakhs).

(2) Development of Ukai Reservoir area as Tourist Complex (Rs. 100 lakhs).

(3) Construction of Janata Hotel at Ahmedabad (Rs. 100 lakhs).

The details of these schemes are being worked out. Meanwhile, the Department of Tourism is examining the possibility of developing water sports facilities at the Ukai Dam area under its programme for Sports