

(b) the total amount spent so far on the development of the Southern-most tip of India, i.e. Kanyakumari during the past five five-year plan periods; and

(c) the proposed outlay on Tourism for both these places in the Sixth plan period?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) The total amount spent under the Central Sector on tourism schemes in Jammu and Kashmir upto March 1978 is approximately Rs. 383.74 lakhs.

(b) The total amount spent under the Central Sector on tourism schemes in Tamil Nadu upto March 1978 is approximately Rs. 175.70 lakhs. A Tourist Bungalow was set up in Kanyakumari and a 100-seater motor launch was given by the Department of Tourism to the Vivekananda Memorial Committee for ferrying passengers between Kanyakumari and Vivekananda rock. An expenditure of Rs. 7.38 lakhs was incurred on these schemes.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 63 crores has been provided under the Central Sector (Department of Tourism and India Tourism Development Corporation) for tourism schemes in the country during the Sixth Plan period (1978-83). The Central Department of Tourism proposes to undertake further development of the Winter Sports project at Gulmarg and the Hotel Corporation of India proposes to set up a star category hotel at Srinagar. The ITDC plans to set up a hotel at Gulmarg subject to a feasibility study. The provision of further facilities at Kanyakumari as one of the centres recommended at the State Tourism Ministers Conference held in November 1978, will be taken up in consultation with the State Government subject to availability of funds.

Airlink with Cuddapah Town

4470. **SHRI K. OBUL REDDY:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any plan to airlink important developing towns of the country where there are no air transport facilities; and

(b) if so, whether Cuddapah town will be airlinked where there is already an aerodrome and in view of its rapid development?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b). The Government set up an Expert Committee to go into the question of Third Level Air Service to air link towns/cities of tourists, industrial and commercial importance not already linked by air. The Committee has recommended in their report that 50 new population centres should be served in the first phase. Cuddapah is included in the list of 50 new population centres recommended by the Committee. The Report of the Committee is under examination of the Government.

Achievements of MMTTC

4471. **SHRI DHARM VIR VASISHT:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the main thrusts of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India with particular reference to exports, imports and Balance of trade in the fields of Iron Ore, Manganese Ore and Coal, Berituss, during 1977-78. 1978-79;

(b) the services rendered towards industry and agriculture in the same period; and

(c) the sale of Diamonds and import of Stainless steel in the same period?