

In cases when the Government servant stays in a hotel or other establishment providing board and/or lodging at scheduled tariffs, the rates range from Rs. 6 to Rs. 35 per day for ordinary localities, from Rs. 8 to Rs. 40 in 'B1' class cities and from Rs. 10 to Rs. 50 in 'A' class cities according to the grade of the employee.

(c) Railway employees on tour on official duty are given free passes. No accommodation as such is available to Railway employees while on tour except running staff for whom running room facilities are available. At a few places rest houses for officers and subordinate staff are available, but accommodation is not guaranteed. Productivity linked bonus to Railway employees is not connected with TA/DA rules, but linked with the productivity of the Railways.

(d) Productivity linked bonus scheme has been conceded only in organisations and departmental enterprises engaged in production-related activities.

Drive against Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supply of Essential Commodities

1507. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State-wide drive to prevent blackmarketing and maintain the supply of essential commodities was launched by Government during President's rule in the States; and

(b) if so, the details regarding its performance in each of the said States?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

Cheap Accommodation to Tourists at State Capitals

1508. SHRI BHEEKABHAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Tourism Department contemplate to encourage tourism in the country;

(b) is there any proposal to provide cheap accommodation to tourists in State capitals of India; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (c). In addition to the on-going programme of promotion of tourism and development of the infrastructure, Government has under active consideration several measures to expand tourist facilities for domestic as well as international tourists and simultaneously optimise marketing of tourism abroad. These facilities will *inter-alia* include development of new travel circuits, air-linking of small and medium tourist centres, provision of clean and comfortable accommodation as well as meals at moderate prices for domestic and budget minded foreign tourists etc. Inexpensive boarding and lodging facilities will be part of the programme of providing a mix of hotel accommodation over the next 10 years at centres of tourist, cultural, historical, religious and other interests.

In order to provide cheap and inexpensive accommodation to domestic tourists as well as budget-minded foreign tourists, a 1250-bed Yatri Niwas is already under construction at Delhi. On completion by January 1981, the Yatri Niwas will provide furnished accommodation in the form of twin-bedded and four bedded rooms with attached bath rooms at moderate rates.

Similar projects will be considered at other places only after the Government is satisfied with the results of operation of the Delhi project over the first 2-3 years.

Cases pending against Income-Tax Defaulters

1509. SHRI JAI NARAIN ROAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending against Income tax defaulters all over the country at the end of December, 1978;