

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of overhaul does not arise since there is no management muddle. However, several measures have been initiated to economise expenditure and improve revenue yield. In order to tackle the backlog of work in the Engineering Department as a result of the shortage of technical personnel, the Corporation has resorted to a crash programme for recruitment and training of Graduate Engineers.

(c) to (f). The proposal of Air India in this regard is under consideration of the Government.

Distribution of Essential Commodities to the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli

3566. **SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL:** Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from various quarters of Dadra, Nagar Haveli, the Union Territory, during the last three years regarding malpractices, corruption etc., in the distribution of sugar, oil, edible oils, petrol, diesel and other essential and consumable articles and commodities in Ration Shops, Fair Price Shops, other shops and distribution centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof (year and month-wise) of the said complaints;

(c) the action taken on each one such complaints as well as against each culprit, defaulters and shopkeepers and distributors; and

(d) what action has been taken or proposed to be taken for the proper distribution of each of the above essential and other commodities and articles?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY):

(a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as received.

Facilities to Private Company to establish Chain of Hotels

3567. **SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any facilities to some private company to establish chains of hotels in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of hotels proposed to be established in foreign countries and the names of those countries where these hotels are proposed to be established?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b). Proposals for setting up joint venture hotels abroad are considered in the same manner as setting up any other joint ventures abroad in accordance with the guidelines in force.

The proposals of Indian Companies for establishing Companies or hotels abroad are considered by the Inter Ministerial Committee on Joint Ventures abroad.

(c) No proposal from any company to set-up hotels in foreign countries is at present under consideration for approval of Government.

Official Calendar

3568. **SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are conscious of the fact that the officially fixed calendar, the Saka is ignored by most of the Indians;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;