

### **Lodge for Tourists in Rann of Kutch Sanctuary**

8135. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of the Little Rann of Kutch Sanctuary and is it the largest in the country;

(b) whether to visit this sanctuary, a lodge is proposed to be constructed;

(c) if not, the reason why no budget provision has been made for this project; and

(d) what co-ordination has been established with the State Government for the construction of the lodge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) The area of the Sanctuary in the Little Rann of Kutch is 4900 sq. kms and it is the largest Sanctuary in the country.

(b) to (d). The Central Department of Tourism has no proposal for the present to construct a Forest Lodge in the Sanctuary due to constraint on resources and other priorities. However, it is understood that the State Government have plans to construct a forest lodge to service the tourists who visit the Sanctuary.

### **Selection Grade to LDCs in Group 'C'**

8136. SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) under which specific clause and rule, selection grade to LDCs in Group 'C' has been denied so far in subordinate offices including Safdarjang/Dr. RML/LNJP Hospitals of Government; and

(b) which are the categories of employees in Group 'C' who have actually not been recommended Selection Grades as per 3rd Pay Commission Report 1973 but have since been granted Selection Grades with effect from 1st August 1976 in various offices including subordinate

offices of the Government and what is the number of such employees who have been benefited on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): (a) The Third Pay Commission found that the promotion prospects of LDCs in Subordinate Offices were better than those of the LDCs in Central Secretariat Clerical Service. Accordingly, the Commission did not recommend introduction of Selection Grades for LDCs in Group 'C' posts in Subordinate Offices. Later on, it was decided that each case for grant of Selection Grade to LDCs in Subordinate Offices might be considered on merits where the conditions laid down in the Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No. F. 7 (21)-E.III/74 dated 10-1-1977 are satisfied. Accordingly, Selection Grade is now granted even to LDCs working in Subordinate Offices. The case for grant of Selection Grade to LDCs working in Safdarjang/Dr. RML/LNJP Hospitals of Government will be considered on the above lines when referred to this Ministry.

(b) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

### **Infrastructure of Guiding Tourists in Himachal Pradesh**

8137. SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the infrastructure provided by the Government to guide and to help tourists in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government consider this to be sufficient to meet the requirements of tourists in the State; and

(c) if not, action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) A statement showing the