

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) to (c) : The provision of transport facilities is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. While no regular survey has been made, the Department of Tourism tries to supplement the available transport facilities at various places of tourist interest. The following measures have been taken in this regard :—

- (i) A number of cars acquired by the State Trading Corporation are allotted at reserve prices to recognised transport operators.
- (ii) The Department of Tourism has been given a special quota of 30 Ambassador cars per quarter for allotment to the tourist trade for use as meterless tourist taxis. This is in addition to the taxi quotas made available to the State Governments.
- (iii) Financial assistance at low rate of interest is available to tourist transport operators.
- (iv) The tourist trade is being assisted by the Department in the import of air-conditioning equipment for tourist coaches, pending manufacture of indigenous equipment.
- (v) 12 State Governments have been released vehicles exclusively for tourist promotion. In addition, the Himachal Pradesh Government has been allotted two mini-buses for the use of tourists visiting the Kulu-Manali area.

2. The India Tourism Development Corporation is operating transport units at 16 centres including two hill stations with a fleet of 71 imported cars, 44 Ambassador cars, 21 large coaches, (including 2 air-conditioned coaches) and 8 mini-buses.

Policy on prices, incomes and wages

2631. SARI RAMKANWAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government have recently discussed the feasibility of formulating a prices, incomes and wages policy; and

- (b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANT RAO CHAVAN) (a) and (b) : The Government have been considering from time to time the ways and means of evolving an integrated policy on incomes, wages and prices. Details in regard to the policy can be announced only when specific decisions are taken,

Shortage of Popular Drugs in Capital

2682. DR. RANEN SEN :

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether for the past few weeks there has been a shortage of certain broad-spectrum antibiotics, eye drops and vitamins tablets of certain popular brands in the Capital;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortage; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI)

(a) to (c). Some shortages of certain popular proprietary medicines including ophthalmic preparations and antibiotic preparations were reported in September 1971 due to sudden out break of conjunctivitis in Delhi and surrounding areas. The situation was met by arranging immediate supplies.

Managers in Public Sector Undertakings Opting For Their Parent Cadres

2683. SHRI P. GANGADEB :

SHRI P. M. MEHTA :

SHRI RAJA KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a serious crisis has developed as a result of a number of top level public sector Managers opting to return to their parent cadres;

(b) if so, how many such persons have opted for their parent cadres; and