

India's Foreign Debt

1782. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the loan that India owes to foreign countries country-wise upto-date ;

(b) how does it compare with the loan at the end of financial years during the last three years ; and

(c) what will be the debt servicing burden on India during next two years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). A statement showing details of outstanding debt of India (Loans which India owes to foreign countries/institutions) as at the end of March 1971 and as at the end of each of the last 3 financial years is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1140/71*].

(c) Debt service payments in foreign exchange and through export of goods are expected to be about Rs. 469 crores and Rs. 472 crores in 1972-73 and 1973-74 respectively.

Shortage of Accommodation for Tourists at Junagarh, Gujarat

1783. SHRI VEKARIA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is shortage of accommodation for tourists at Junagarh in Gujarat ; and

(b) if so, the reasons why Government are not opening a tourist hotel there despite repeated requests ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). It is recognized that there is a general shortage of good hotel accommodation at almost all places of tourist importance in the country. Because of other priority demands, however, the Government of India have no plans to set up a hotel at Junagarh.

Contract between Jorhat Office of Indian Airlines with Broadway Hotel

1784. SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jorhat office of Indian Airlines has entered into contract with a hotel named Broadway for supplying meals and tiffins to the passengers ;

(b) if so, the terms of the contract ;

(c) whether passengers of flights which are cancelled are sent to this hotel for taking their meals and whether they have made any complaints against this hotel ; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Broadway Hotel, Jorhat, provides Indian Airlines with packed lunches for service in flight at Rs. 4/- per lunch box.

(c) and (d). On occasions of delayed flights passengers are taken to Broadway Hotel where the packed lunch is served to them. There have been some complaints about the inadequate quantity of food, and this is being taken up with the caterers for remedial action.

Unsuccessful Oil Drilling in Surnisar, Jammu

1785. SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether oil drilling in Surnisar in Jammu has not been successful ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) whether the Jammu region promise any bright future for oil drilling ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). The well is still under drilling. Unless the well is completed and tested, it is too early to say whether it will be successful or not.