

requirement, suitability, etc., availed the services of some retired persons. The details of such persons are as under:

Name of the Institution	Name of the Person	Position
Management Development Institute (MDI)	Shri J.L. Mehta	Registrar & Secretary
IFCI Financial Services Ltd. (I-Fin)	Shri Bhawani Singh Shri Prakash Chand	Personal Assistant Personal Assistant

(c) No, Sir. It did not have adverse impact on the future promotion of any of the existing employees in the aforesaid organisations as there was no suitable candidate within MDI, whereas in I-Fin the position of Personal Assistant is the junior most.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Tourist Spots of Munger, Bihar**

3363. SHRI BIJOY KUMAR 'BIJOY': Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring historical and religious sites in Munger district of Bihar like Chandika Sthan, Sita Kund, Bheem Bandh, Rishi Kund, Raja Meer Karim's Fort etc. on the tourist map;

(b) if is, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether any scheme to include these sites in tourism list is under consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) to (c) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance to the State Governments every year on the basis of specific project proposals as per guidelines and availability of funds. For the year 1998-99, the Union Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the State Government of Bihar has prioritised 12 projects amounting to Rs. 325 lakhs including construction of Tourist Reception Centre at Munger.

In 1991-92 the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 16.88 lakhs for a Tourist Complex at Munger.

#### **Fair of Bhagalpur, Bihar**

3364. SHRI PRABHASH CHANDRA TIWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a fair is held in the month of July-August at Sultanganj in Bhagalpur district of Bihar where lakhs of people of the country and abroad come and carry 'Ganga Jal' from 'Uttarvahini Ganga' to be the same at Vaidnath Dham;

(b) whether the Government propose to declare Sultanganj fair as the National fair;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) The State Government of Bihar provides some facilities for tourists during this fair which is known as Shravani Mela.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) No such proposal has been received by the Ministry of Tourism from the State Government of Bihar.

[English]

#### **Free Commercial Zone for Thiruppur**

3365. SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intend to make Thiruppur in Tamil Nadu, a Super Free Commercial Zone to facilitate the exporters of Banians to expand and development of exports of Banians abroad;