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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a new company of Tourist Security Force has been pressed into service at the Delhi airport to assist tourists from abroad and to protect them from touts;
- (b) if so, whether this force has been given orientation training in tourism related aspects and also skills in english communication;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to deploy such forces, not only at international airports but also at tourist centres and beach resorts in the country including pilgrim centres; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) and (b): The Government of Delhi has deployed Tourist Police at the International Airport and important tourist centres to assist tourists. This force has been given orientation training in tourism related aspects. At the selection stage itself, their competence to communicate in English was one important consideration.

(c) and (d): The Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/Union Territories to deploy Tourist Police at all important tourist centres/destinations. Many States have deployed the Tourist Police Force in one form or another.