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59.	Tirunelveli (Tirunelveli-Kattabomman) <i>Tripura</i>	930
60.	Bodhjung Nagar (Tripura-West) <i>Uttar Pradesh</i>	50
61.	Bachouli-Buzurg (Jhansi)	50
62.	Banthara (Shahjahnpur)	50
63.	Chaudharpur (Moradabad)	50
64.	Dibiapur (Etawah)	50
65.	Khurja (Bulandshahr)	420
66.	Mungra Satharia (Jaunpur)	450
67.	Sahjanwa (Gorakhpur)	1000
*68.	Shivrajpur-Padampur (Pauri-Garhwal) <i>West Bengal</i>	50
69.	Bolpur (Birbhum)	50
70.	Jalpaiguri (Jalpaiguri)	50
71.	Malda (Malda)	50

* Project Reports/revised Project Reports are awaited from the State Governments.

[English]

Tourism in J & K

2788. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA :
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether tourism have suffered very much in J & K during insurgency period;

(b) if so, whether the degree of annual losses has since been ascertained;

(c) if so, the quantum of loss suffered during each of the last three years;

(d) the details of action plan prepared, if any to restore the tourism industry to its earlier glory;

(e) whether tourists have started visiting J & K keeping in view the change brought about in the situation there during the last two years and if so, to what extent; and

(f) the details of plans formulated to attract foreign tourists in Ladakh region also?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA): (a) to (c) The tourist traffic to Kashmir Valley declined heavily during insurgency period. However, the pilgrim tourist traffic to Vaishnodevi has been increasing every year. The degree of losses suffered by the tourism industry in Kashmir Valley can be judged from the extent of decline in tourist traffic. The details are as given below:

Year	Number of Tourists			% decline as compared to 1989
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	
1989	490215	67762	557977	-
1993	-	8026	8026	99
1994	500	9314	9814	98
1995	322	8198	8520	98
1996	375	9592	9967	98
1997	7027	9111	16138	97
1998			11185	

(Five Months total of foreign and domestic tourists).

(d) The action plan to restore the industry includes restoration and renovation of tourist attractions and infrastructure facilities, revival of tourism industry through relief measures including waiving off of borrowings upto Rs. 50,000.

(e) The tourist traffic to J & K registered a positive growth of 1.3% during 1997 as compared to 1996. The tourist arrivals in J & K during 1996 and 1997 were 4482072 and 4540387 respectively. In the Kashmir Valley by the end of May 1998 the estimated number of tourist arrivals is 11,185.

(f) Various projects/schemes sanctioned during last three years for the development of tourism in Ladakh region include the refurbishment of Pethub Monastery at Leh, meditation facility in the International Health Centre at Choglamsar at Leh, renovation of Gompas at Hemis and construction of a tourist complex at Nubra. The Government has also taken steps to undertake a feasibility study for the establishment of a Convention/Conference Centre at Leh. In addition, central financial assistance has been provided for the Ladakh Festival.

Commission to remove backwardness in Eastern UP

2789. DR. BIZAY SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had appointed a Commission in 60s to suggest ways and means to remove backwardness in some of the Eastern Uttar Pradesh districts like Jaunpur;