Computer Training facility to Journalism Students at Indian Institute of Mass Communication

5779. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether students doing journalism in certain language at Indian Institute of Mass Communication are given training on computers whereas students of other language are not provided this facility:

(b) if so, the factual position thereof;

(c) the reason for making such discrimination between the students of different languages and Government's reaction thereto: and

(d) the steps contemplated to provide computer facility to students of other languages?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). No Sir. The Institute have acquired the computer system of IBM Compatible Personal Computers with bilingual (Hindi and English) keyboards. Students of both Hindi and English Journalism Courses have been given exposure to word-processing on computer. A beginning has also been made by the Institute to operationalise the English word-processing package and efforts have also been made to get the Hindi software package from the company which supplied the Personal Computers.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The steps so far taken by the Institute would provide computer facility to students of both Hindi and English Journalism Courses as per the requirements.

Development of Tourist Places in H.P.

5780. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI; PROF. PREM KUMAR DHU-MAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any schemes from the Government of Himachal Pradesh regarding development of tourist places; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount proposed to be allocated to the State Government during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, for Central financial assistance, we are yet to receive specific proposals from the State Government for the year 1990-91.

[English]

I.T.D.C. Hotel in Madras

5781. SHRI B. RAJARAVI VERMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hotels under India Tourism Development Corporation in Madras city;

(b) whether Union Government are considering to set up hotels under India Tourism Development Corporation there and to promote tourism in that region; and

(c) if so, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?