

Civil Writs filed against State of Punjab

5947. BABA SUCHA SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civil writs filed against the State of Punjab during the last three years;

(b) the number of such writs lost by the State and the amount lost in such writs; and

(c) the number of Special Leave Petitions filed in the Supreme Court and the number of such petitions lost?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Deterioration in Punjabi Programmes

5948. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of continuous deteriorating trend in technical, entertaining, artistic and qualitative aspect of language in various programmes and news in Punjabi broadcast and telecast by All India Radio and Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve the programmes including the standard of Punjabi in the programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir;

(b) Does not arise; and

(c) The improvement of programmes is a continuous endeavour of the media and its aim is to strive for excellence.

Patiala a Cultural Centre of Punjab

5949. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourists centres in Punjab included in "Tourism Year 1991",

(b) whether Patiala has been included in the Tourist map for the year 1991;

(c) whether any special scheme has been formulated to develop Patiala as an international tourist centre during the current year; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) The Objective of Government is to promote India as a tourist destination, including Punjab. The important festivals of Punjab for promotion of tourism during tourism year are the Magi fair, the Holi festival and the Jor Mola.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism have included Patiala as one of the tourist destination for phased development. A project for the construction of a Motel at Patiala was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 48.85 lakhs during the Seventh Five Year Plan.