

Tourism in Darjeeling (West Bengal)

8242. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Union Government to promote tourism in Darjeeling, West Bengal during the Seventh Plan period; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to develop tourism in the said area during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) During the Seventh Five Year Plan, the Central Department of Tourism have sanctioned the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Darjeeling. In addition, a Special Central Assistance of Rs. 5.35 crores was allocated by the Planning Commission for tourism development projects under the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council Plan.

(b) During the year 1990-91, a Food Craft Institute at Darjeeling is proposed to be set up.

Demands of Bank Employees

8243. SHRI SUBEDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bank staff went on a day's strike recently paralysing the working of the banks in the country;

(b) if so, the demands of the bank staff; and

(c) the action taken to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) to (c). A sec-

tion of bank employees belonging to a minority union in the industry reportedly struck work on 25.4.1990 in support of their demands, which inter alia, are review of the recently concluded Vth Bipartite Settlement, introduction of pension, increase in the quantum of housing loan, formation of a tripartite committee to finalise policy on computerisation. No action is called for on the demands of the union as the banks, managements have signed the settlement only recently i.e. on 10th April, 1989 with union representing the majority of the employees.

T. V. Relay Centres/Towers in Garhwal, U.P.

8244. SHRI C. M. NEGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TV relay centres/towers set up in Garhwal districts of U.P. during last three years and to be set up in 1990-91 district-wise and the names of locations; and

(b) the steps contemplated to expand Doordarshan network in Garhwal districts including setting up of a T.V. tower at Kherakhal in Khirshu block of Pauri Garhwal, U.P.?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Whereas five very low power TV transmitters/Transposers have been set up in Garhwal division of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, one more transposers is under implementation at Mussoorie in Dehradun district of Garhwal region, as a spill over scheme of the Seventh Plan. Besides, Doordarshan's annual plan for 1990-91 also includes establishment of a number of additional TV transmitters, the locations of which depend upon inter-se priority for extension of TV service to uncov-