

been taken to reduce overall pendency of cases in High courts. A Committee of 3 Chief Justices of High Courts has been constituted by the Government in January, 1989 to study the problem of arrears in courts and to suggest remedial measures.

### **Exploitation of Chrome Ore**

8434. SHRIGOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:  
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether chrome ore has been considered as a strategic mineral in the public sector; and

(b) if so, the policy of Government with regard to the exploitation of this mineral?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### **Setting up of Hotels/Motels in Orissa**

8435. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:  
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hotels/motels set up in Orissa during the last three years, division-wise;

(b) whether Government have any plan to set up more hotels/motels in the State during 1990-91;

(c) whether Government would provide financial assistance to the State Government to set up more hotels/motes beside the National Highways particularly on National Highway No. 5 between Bhubaneswar and

Berhampur, Jaipur town, Binja-Khetna, a tourist spot and on Puri-Konark marine drive road during the current year.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) As per information received from the Government of Orissa, the number of hotels set up in the State during the last three years is furnished below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Hotels</i>
1987-	7
1988	36
1989	18

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(b), (c), (d) and (e). Government does not construct hotels nor provide any financial assistance for setting up hotels/motels.

The development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism in association with the Ministry of Surface Transport have a scheme for the development of Passenger-Oriented Wayside Amenities on National Highways. The Ministry of Surface Transport and Deptt. of Tourism have already sanctioned Rs. 20.28 lakhs and Rs. 7.27 lakhs for the construction of wayside amenities on National Highway No. 5 at Rameshwar.

The State Government does not have any proposal to set up hotel in Jaipur. However, the Orissa Development Corporation has set up 16 rooms accommodation at

Jajpur in 1985. In addition to this there are two hotels in the private sector.

### **Trade Relation with Bangladesh**

8436. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to improve trade relations with Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the different items now being exported to and imported therefrom; and

(c) the new areas identified for expansion of bilateral trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Major items now being exported from India to Bangladesh include fruit and vegetables, coal, processed minerals, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, cotton yarn and fabrics. Major items being imported from Bangladesh include news-print, fertilizers and organic chemicals

(c) Both sides are taking steps to expand bilateral trade. Possibilities of setting up of Joint Ventures with by back arrangements in Bangladesh are being considered. STC and Trading Corporation of Bangladesh are considering to enter into Trading Corporation of Bangladesh are considering to enter into arrangements for exchange of various commodities, FICCI and their counter-parts have already set up a Joint Business council to exchange information relating to expansion of trade relations.

### **1991 As Tourism Year**

8437. SHRI Y. S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have decided to observe 1991 as the year of tourism;

(b) if so, the number of visitors likely to visit during this year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to augment the infrastructure facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is difficult to assess number of visitors likely to visit during the year State-wise

(c) Extension to 18 existing circuits have been identified for promotion during the year in consultation with State Governments and industry. On specific recommendations received from State Governments, financial assistance is extended to them to augment tourism infrastructure facilities, keeping in view the availability of funds.

### **Setting up of a Hotel with Hong Kong Based Group Collaboration**

8438. SHRI Y. S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group of Hong Kong has been permitted or setting up a hotel in New Delhi in collaboration with Modi Overseas Investment Ltd.: