

(c) and (d). A Study Team from the Central Government surveyed the beaches in Karnataka and made certain recommendations in respect of seven places. Based on these recommendations, the Government of Karnataka prepared proposals for the construction of beach resorts at Malpe, Karwar, Murudeshwer, Marawanthe and Beleker and sought financial assistance from the Central Government. The State Government, however, did not submit detailed proposals as required by the "Inter-Ministerial Committee on Beach Resorts" for environmental clearance. They also could not identify and provide the land for some of the projects. These projects are basically commercial in nature and, therefore, should be left to private initiative.

Loans to Improve Indian Trade

*277. SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry has suggested to Government to have the policy of the Reserve Bank of India liberalised regarding loans to improve Indian trade; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had received a letter dated September 21, 1988 from The Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM). A detailed reply has been given to them by RBI on January 9, 1990.

Development to Tourism in A.P.

278. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to develop tourism in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether any scheme has been implemented to provide good accommodation facilities to the tourists in the State during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c). To strengthen tourism infrastructure including accommodation facilities, the Department of Tourism have provided Central financial assistance on the following projects/schemes in the State of Andhra Pradesh, during the last three years;

1. Yatri Niwas at Hyderabad
2. Sound and Light Show at Golkonda
3. Water sports and recreational complex at Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada
4. Water sports at Rishikonda, Visakhapatnam
5. Water sports at Nagarjunasagar
6. Kuchipudi Dance Festival
7. Additional accommodation at Ramappa and Pakhal
8. Wayside facilities with accommodation at Lepakshi
9. Cafeteria-cum-accommodation at Nagarjunasagar
10. Floating recreation deck at Hussainsagar
11. Wayside facilities at Palamner in Chittoor district

12. Development of cottage complex at Pulicat Lake three years.
13. Beach cottages at Rishikonda

These projects are being implemented by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. In so far as the projects relating to accommodation facilities are concerned, they are at various stages of implementation.

Foreign Exchange Earnings from Tourism

*280. SHRI MANDHATA SINGH:
SHRI MULLAPPALIY RAMA-
CHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the foreign exchange earnings;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the present situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (c). As per the estimates available from the Reserve Bank of India, the foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the last three years were as given below:

Year	Rs. crores
1989-87	1067
1987-88	1856
1988-89	2103
	(Provisional)

There has been no decline in foreign exchange earning from tourism during the last

(d) The steps being taken for increasing the foreign exchange earnings from tourism include continued upgradation of tourism infrastructural facilities, diversification of tourist attractions, identification and development of new circuits, and strengthening of publicity and marketing activities in overseas markets.

Renovation of I.T.D.C. Hotels

*281. SHRILOKANATH CHOUDHARY:
Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether renovations were carried out in a number of I.T.D.C. Hotels during September, 1989 to February, 1990;

(b) if so, the main features of the renovations and the reasons for carrying out such renovations during the tourist season;

(c) whether demands for rooms by the guests were refused on this account during the above period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) ITDC planned to renovate 10 out of 25 hotels during 1989-90. The renovations were started in phases in weak sales season which continued during the period September 1989 to February 1990.

(b) The main features of renovations were:

(i) Refurbishing of rooms and toilets;

(ii) Refurbishing of public areas;