

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;