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21.	Madurai Ashok	20.97	27.64	26.50	31.55
22.	Samrat New Delhi	182.10	388.17	280.15	412.10
23.	Kanishka New Delhi	394.81	343.71	413.20	366.25
24.	Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi	147.78	161.96	193.05	178.65

Hotels of Hotel Corporation of India :

1.	Centaur Hotel, Bombay	1058.10	879.89	1192.95	941.75
2.	Centaur Hotel, Delhi	347.31	652.53	364.89	699.10
3.	Centaur Lake View Hotel, Srinagar	3.60	111.35	72.20	356.08

Visit of Tourists From Foreign and Inland to Religious Places in Bihar

*14. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tourists who visited religious places in Bihar from abroad and within the country ;

(b) the country-wise number of the foreign tourists who visited Bihar during the last three years and the most popular places visited by these tourists; and

(c) whether Government propose to implement some new and attractive schemes to increase the number of tourists from all corner of the world ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b). Statistics of foreign tourist arrivals are being collected from disembarkation cards filled in by the tourists at the time of their entry into India. These statistic, therefore, do not indicate the details of the places visited by

them after entering India. However, as per the Foreign Tourist Survey undertaken by the Indian Statistical Institute during 1982-83 on behalf of the Deptt. of Tourism, about 3.29 per cent of foreign tourists spent at least one night in Bihar during that year. The most popular destination in Bihar was Patna with 2.13 per cent of the tourists staying for a night at least in that city. Among the religious places Gaya-Bodhgaya accounted for about 0.54% of the tourists making over-night halts.

At present, statistics of domestic tourist arrivals are not being compiled and, therefore, it is difficult to estimate the number of domestic tourist visiting Bihar.

(c) The schemes that have been taken up by the Central Government for the Promotion of tourism in Bihar include development of infrastructural facilities and beautification of places like Bodh-Gaya, Buxar, Betla, Rajgir, Nalanda, Patna, and Ranchi, overseas publicity of Buddhist shrines and other attractions and introduction of a special train the "Great Indian Rover" to take overseas Buddhist pilgrims to Buddhist pilgrimage centres in Bihar and U. P.