

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Friday, July 25, 1986/Sravana 3,
1908 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of
the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Shrikaran Sharda who was a member of the Sixth Lok Sabha during 1977-79 representing Ajmer constituency of Rajasthan.

An advocate by profession, Shri Sharda was an active social worker. He was associated with several educational institutions in various capacities. He served as the Vice-President of International Aryan League. He was also the author of several works and editor of a monthly.

Shri Sharda passed away at Calcutta on 20th July, 1986 at the age of 67 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in

conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

(The Members then stood in silence
for a short while)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Development of Tourism in Karnataka

*122. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government had sanctioned any schemes for the development of tourism in Karnataka during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned and spent up-to-date, scheme-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b). A Statement is given below.

Statement

(a) and (b). The following are the projects sanctioned for Karnataka during the last three years and the respective amounts advanced so far by the Central Government are as follows :

S.No.	Scheme	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	2	3	4
			(Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Redoing of illumination of Brindavan Gardens at Mysore	Rs. 40.00	Rs. 40.00

1	2	3	4
2.	Construction of Yatrika at Bidar	Rs. 5.04	Rs. 5.04
3.	Provision of boats for Ulsoor lake	Rs. 1.23	Rs. 1.00
4.	Construction of way-side facilities at Thalkadu	Rs. 1.37	Rs. 1.00
5.	Restaurant Complex at Hampi	Rs. 15.59	Rs. 7.50
6.	Construction of way-side facilities at Jogfalls	Rs. 4.25	Rs. 2.00
7.	Construction of a restaurant and toilet facilities at Shringeri	Rs. 6.00	Rs. 2.00
8.	Way-side facilities with accommodation at Mulbagal	Rs. 14.00	Rs. 5.00
9.	Hoysala Cultural Centre at Halebid (Project implemented through Archaeological Survey of India)	Rs. 33.00	Rs. 5.00
10.	Provision of toilets and drinking water facilities at Aihole, Badami, Pattadakal, Hampi and Bijapur @ Rs. 1.5 lakhs each (Project implemented through Archaeological Survey of India)	Rs. 7.50	Rs. 5.00

DR. V. VENKATESH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am sorry to state that the number of foreign tourists are declining very much day-by-day in South India. Karnataka has more number of tourist spots in South India, such as, historical spots like Bijapur, Badami, Hospet and Hampi. Natural beauty towns in Coorg district, forest resorts like Nagartolla and Bandipur and the world famous Mysore city are also there in Karnataka. In addition to these, the holiday resort like Nanai Hills which is very famous is also there. Even Queen Elizabeth stayed there, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru stayed there and Mahatma Gandhi also stayed there. In addition to that, West Coast beaches are also there. Therefore, Bangalore being the capital of Karnataka and the centre of South India itself and popularly known as air-conditioned city of India, I want to know whether, in view of all these natural tourist resorts, the Government is planning to put Bangalore city on the international tourist map by providing and promoting the

tourist facilities in a big way to attract more number of international tourists and if so, what are all the facilities going to be provided to Bangalore city.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : Sir, we have given the details to the hon. Member about the Central schemes which are under execution. We have some schemes which are under consideration. We know that Karnataka has tremendous potential as far as tourism is concerned. The State Government has also undertook to send the blue-prints and detailed estimates in respect of the following schemes :

- (a) Cultural centre at Badami and Banavasi.
- (b) Promotion of trekking.
- (c) Development of beach resorts at Malpe and Mavante.

- (d) Flood-lighting of monuments at Bijapur, Badami, Aihole, Pattadakal.
- (e) Construction of tourist lodge at Bhadra.
- (f) Sound and light programme at Srirangapatnam.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Are you prepared for this, regarding U. P. ?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Our Minister, along with the Secretary, has visited U. P. and had detailed discussion with his counterpart there. Certain proposals have been made by the State Government. When it comes to us we shall definitely consider them on merits and we shall take all steps to boost up tourism in U. P.

DR. V. VENKATESH : In view of the Bangalore City's excellent climate round the year, national and international conferences and seminars are going on in Bangalore city. Therefore, I want to know whether the Government is going to construct a seminar or conference complex for international conferences or seminars to attract more number of people... (Interruptions)

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Also one session of Parliament.

MUFTI MOHD. SYED : Sir, recently we held a meeting with the Chief Minister of Karnataka. It is a fact that Karnataka, especially Bangalore, has ideal weather conditions. It is a very nice city and we are proposing to have a multi-functional convention complex... (Interruption)

MR. SPEAKER : We are making it a concrete jungle now. We should try to safeguard that beautiful city.

MUFTI MOHD. SYED : We are proposing to have multi-functional convention complex here. It is estimated that it will have a capacity for 2000 delegates. It will be used for Exhibitions, Conferences and Cultural Programmes. It will be in the Joint Sector.

[Translation]

SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, like Karnataka, there are many ancient and historical places in Uttar Pradesh also, such as a place named Bithoor near Kanpur. It is said that this is the birth place of Nana Saheb Peshwa and Sitaji. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he has received any proposal for the development of such places ? If not, will the Government make some arrangement for their development ? Government's attention has been drawn to it a number of times.

SHRI S. B. SIDNAL : Belgaum is on the other side of the State and has equal climate of air-condition like Bangalore. There are beautiful Scenarios, Temples and Falls which are more attractive to the foreign tourists who come from Goa which is close-by to Belgaum. May I know what is the proposal before the Government to attract the foreign and local tourists in this regard ?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : In the 6th Five year plan, Belgaum was also identified as one of the tourist centres. But Unfortunately, no proposal has come from the State Government. If it comes from the State Government then only we can consider it. Otherwise we are helpless.

Carpet and Pashmina Industry of J & K

*123. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the carpet and pashmina industry of Jammu and Kashmir considered to be one of the best in the World is lately, on the decline due to slump in trade as well as stiff competition from countries like Pakistan, Iran and China; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Union Government for improvement and revival of the old Kashmiri traditional standard and also for promotion of the carpets and Pashmina Industry of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b). A statement is given below ;