

connected with some place. It cannot be connected to itself. That is the question of schedule. When the schedule for operation of the feeder service is prepared, then only it will be known which are the places, which are going to be connected with Raichur. About the date, I am sorry I cannot give the exact date. I have said it is under the consideration of the Government. As soon as a decision is taken, the service will start.

SHRI D. P. YADAV: Like Raichur, Bhagalpur also is situated strategically....

MR. SPEAKER: Not allowed. That is too far-fetched. The question is regarding a specific point.

SHRI D. P. YADAV: The Minister is ready to answer, Sir. By what time will you be connecting Bhagalpur also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): I support the hon. member.

SHRI A. P. SHARMA: This service is going to be introduced in phases. The idea is to introduce this service to places where the runways are fit at present. Later on we are going to take up such other places where the runway requires some repairs. Therefore, I think Bhagalpur may come in the second phase.

MR. SPEAKER: Every hon. member is eager to get a link for his place. Why should I lag behind? When am I getting it? Mr. Desai.

SHRI B. V. DESAI: I am happy the Government have finally understood the usefulness of extending this third line service to other parts of the country also. In this connection, I am thankful to the Minister for extending this facility to Raichur which happens to be my constituency. All the details which have been asked by the Government have been fur-

nished and the feeder line programme also has been approved by the Government. There is no reason why the Minister cannot furnish the details of places with which this city will be connected. He can mention the places tentatively. From Hyderabad it is only 125 miles. Or, will it be connected to Bangalore? With which airport is it going to be linked, Raichur like so many other places is very rich in agricultural produce and so many industries can come up. So, I would like to know the places with which it will be connected.

SHRI A. P. SHARMA: To identify the various places where this feeder service can run, two committees were set up. One committee known as Gidwani Committee recommended 50 places. The other one was the Barganza Committee which recommended 46 places. We are also working out whether some other places could also be connected. But it all depends upon the starting of the service. After its start, this question can be taken up.

Setting up of steel plant in Singhbhum Bihar

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*396. SHRI BEGUN SUMBRUI:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bihar State Government had approached the Centre for setting up a steel plant in Singhbhum district; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE):
(a) and (b). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b). The Government of Bihar wrote to the Government of India that there were sizeable deposits of iron ore at Chiria in Singhbhum District, and that appropriate action should be taken to explore the possibility of setting up a steel plant in that area. It has been explained to the State Government that in view of financial and other constraints and the commitments already made under the Sixth Plan, it would not be possible at this stage to initiate steps in this direction. The question can, however, be examined at a later stage when the situation is more favourable.

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: What is the total demand of steel in the country and what is the installed production capacity?

Are we utilising hundred per cent installed capacity?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: So far as the current year, 1981-82 is concerned, the total demand would be 10.5 million tonnes and the production both from the integrated steel plants and mini-steel plants would be 9.4 to 9.5 million tonnes. There will be a gap of one million tonne. So far as capacity utilisation is concerned we are not utilising the capacity fully.

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Has the Government of Bihar shown its willingness for setting up a steel plant without much assistance from the Centre?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: The Bihar Government has written to me a letter and in fact, the hon. Member had also written to me a letter in regard to the establishment of a steel plant at Chiria, to which I have replied that it is just not possible to consider it in the Sixth Plan period. At the subsequent stage, we may consider as to what would be the possibility.

श्री राम विलास पासवान : सरकार ने अपने जवाब में कहा है कि राज्य

सरकार द्वारा इन को लिखा गया है लेकिन भविष्य में जब स्थिति अनुकूल होगी इस प्रश्न पर विचार किया जायेगा। अब यह तो हमारी समझ में नहीं आता है। आप मंत्री हैं, आप बतलाइए कि आप की अनुकूल स्थिति कब आएगी और कब इस पर विचार किया जाएगा।

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: When the hon. Members give more money for the establishment of new steel plants.

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Is there any proposal for setting up a steel plant in Vidharbha?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: The question relates to Bihar.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: There is a contradiction between the statements of the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Steel. If I have understood him correctly, the Minister of Finance has stated that mini-steel plants would be established in as many places as possible. In view of the acute problem of transport and from the point of view of economy also, will it be feasible and desirable to go in for mini-steel plants? What is the thinking of the Government in this regard?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: There is no contradiction between what the Minister of Finance has said and what I have indicated. I have said that in the process of new steel making, we shall have to depend not only on the conventional way of blast furnace coke oven process but also on sponge iron i.e. direct solid reduction process. That would be done in the mini-steel plants. As of today, we are taking into account the availability of raw material, power and financial viability of the unit. As the hon. Members are aware, it is mainly because of the Finance Minister's sympathetic consideration of giving concession in excise duty that a number of mini-steel

plants are still functioning. Therefore, we are taking into account establishment of mini-steel plants. As of today, the capacity in the mini steel sector is 3 million tonnes. The utilisation capacity is roughly 1.5 to 1.6 million tonnes. So, a huge capacity still remains un-utilised.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में पर्यटन केन्द्रों का विकास

* 397. श्री कृष्ण दत्त सुल्तानपुरी :
क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के ऐसे पर्यटन केन्द्र कौन-कौन से हैं जिनके सम्बन्ध में हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार ने भारत सरकार को योजना भेजी है ;

(ख) राज्य सरकार को उक्त प्रयोजन के लिये 1981-82 में दिये जाने के लिये कितनी धनराशि की व्यवस्था की गई है ; और

(ग) ये राशि किन योजनाओं पर खर्च की जायेगी और क्या उनका व्यौरा सभा पटल पर रखा जायेगा ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDU-LAL CHANDRAKAR):

(a) In pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting held in New Delhi on 12th March 1981 the Government of Himachal Pradesh has forwarded a blue-print of the development of tourist infrastructure at tourist centres falling along identified travel circuits in an integrated and phased manner by polling the available resources in the Central, State and Private sectors. The tourist centres proposed for development are :—

Parwanu, Chail, Kufri, Narkanda, Simla, Mandi, Kulu, Manali, Manikaran, Dalhousie, Dharamsala, Chamba, Kangra, Jwalamukhi and Bilaspur.

(b) The funds available in the Central Sector are not allocated on State-wise basis, but on the basis of schemes that are taken up at various centres in the Central Sector.

(c) During 1981-82, an amount of Rs. 4.12 lakhs has been released to the State Government for completion of the work on the construction of a Club House building at Manali. The Central Department of Tourism also has proposals for the expansion of facilities at hot water spring baths at Vashist near Manali, provision of boats at selected lakes in Himachal Pradesh and financial assistance for promotion of fairs and festivals. The India Tourism Development Corporation has plans to expand their existing Travellers Lodge at Kulu/Manali subject to feasibility study and availability of resources.

श्री कृष्ण दत्त सुल्तानपुरी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, अभी माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपने बयान में हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुछ टूरिज्म के स्थान बनाए हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि कसौली, सिरभोर डिस्ट्रिक्ट में रणकमाई हैं, पीटा साहब हैं और राजगढ़ का इलाका है जहाँ पर टूरिज्म को बहुत बढ़ावा दिया जा सकता है, क्या इन स्थानों के बारे में भी हमारी राज्य सरकार की तरफ से आपके पास ब्लू-प्रिन्ट आया है और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में आपसे मांग की गई है कि ज्यादा से ज्यादा पैसा दिया जाए ?

इसके साथ साथ मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि पर्यटन विभाग के साथ-साथ आपके पास नागर विमानन विभाग भी है तो आप हिमाचल प्रदेश में टूरिस्ट्स को आने-जाने की सुविधा प्रदान करने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रहे हैं ?