HINDI ROLE-PLAY

– in the hotel –

You are trying to rent hotel rooms in – let us say – Jaipur. You have come as a group and want a room each. You want to stay several weeks so you need to find out about the rooms in quite a lot of detail. For example:

• How much is the rent?
• Do all the rooms have fans?
• Which floor are the rooms on?
• How many people can sleep per room?
• Are towels provided?
• Is there a dhobi, or a place to wash clothes?
• If there are a lot of you, will the rent be reduced?
• Is there somewhere to park the car(s)?
• Are there mostly tourists here?
• Are they Indians or foreigners?
• What kind of food is available?
• Is there vegetarian food available?
• What about alcohol?
• Can you get tea in the morning?
• Is meat cooked in the same place where vegetarian food is made?
• Are the rooms quiet at night?
• Is there a phone/TV/radio in the room?
• Is there a place where valuable things can be locked away?
• What time is the place closed at night?
• Is there a doctor/cinema/post office/bank etc. nearby?
• Are the rooms cleaned every day?
• What is the manager’s name; can you speak to him?
• Is there another hotel in this street?

In turn, the manager/receptionist may have some questions and instructions for you. Make sure you understand what he says, and if you don’t, then ask him to explain again.
SOME USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

किराया  m. rent
महंगा / सस्ता  cheap / expensive
पंखा  m. fan
मंज़िल  f. storey, floor
तौलिया  m. towel
घोने की जगह  a. a place for washing
कम करना  to reduce
गाड़ी रखना / खड़ा करना  to park the car
टूरिस्ट, पर्यटक  m. tourist
देशी; बिदेशी  adj./m. local; foreign(er)
शाकाहारी, "वेज"  vegetarian
शान्त  peaceful
शामिल  included
मना (invariable) forbidden, prohibited
शान्ति  f. peace
शोर  m. noise, disturbance
शोर मचाना  to make a noise, create a disturbance
आवाज़  f. sound, voice
कीमती  valuable
बंद करना  to close, lock
ताला लगाना  to lock, put a lock on
शिकायत  f. complaint (हमने उनसे शिकायत की we complained to them)

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