

Fleet Capacity of I.A.

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

- (a) the total fleet capacity of Indian Airlines;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to add more aircraft into Indian Airlines fleet;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the estimated amount likely to be spent thereon; and
- (e) the source from which the funds are proposed to be raised for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Indian Airlines has 58 operational aircraft as indicated below :

Airbus	300	10	Nos.
Airbus	320	30	Nos.
Boeing	737	18	Nos.

In addition to these there are 3 Dornier 228 aircraft in the fleet of Vayudoot which is operating as a separate division of Indian Airlines.

(b) to (e). Government has not received any proposal so far for addition of more aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines.

Unemployment

*374. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been significant change in unemployment as a result of the economic reforms particularly in rural areas;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether his Ministry has studied the International Labour Organisation Report (ILO), 1995; and

(d) if so, the strategy proposed to be adopted to generate more modern sector jobs, while upgrading the skills and living standards of the vast majority of the labour force clustered in the low-productivity rural and urban informal areas?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d). As per the figures furnished by the Planning Commission the numbers of additional employment generated in the year 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are 6.71, 5.71 and 7.20 millions. Separate estimate for rural sector is not maintained.

Ministry is also in receipt of the report "World Employment 1995" by ILO. Specific steps taken by the Government to generate employment are the following:

- (i) Making massive investments in rural employment programmes - IRDP, TRYSEM, JRY, Nehru Rozgar Yojana, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, Employment Assurance Scheme. Eighth Plan outlay for Rural Development is Rs. 35,997/- crores.
- (ii) Modernisation and expansion of Vocational Training infrastructure in the country by acquisition of modern equipment, introduction of employment relevant vocational training courses, revision of teaching learning materials etc. so that the employability of the job seekers is improved.
- (iii) Promotion of training and retraining of workers under NRF to impart new skills so that they could get redeployed when industries modernise by taking recourse to new technologies.
- (iv) The wide ranging industrial deregulation has a potential for direct employment for 3.4 million persons. Nearly 20% investment intentions have so far been implemented and another 20% are at various stages of implementation. These are estimated to generate direct employment to the extent of 1.4 million persons.
- (v) A High Power Committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister had adopted an Action Plan for vitalising and improving Khadi and Village Industries and generate additional employment for 2 million persons.

[Translation]

Child Labour

*375. SHRI LALLBABU RAI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether article 24 of the Constitution prohibit the employment of child labour in hazardous industries;

(b) if so, whether these provisions of the Constitution are being complied with;

(c) if not, the number of the cases registered against the employees for the violation of the above provision during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up a National Commission on Child Labour to monitor the situation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?