

Capacity Utilisation of Boeing 747

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TOPIWALA:

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

(a) the number of Boeing 747 presently with the Air-India;

(b) whether the entire fleet of Boeing 747 is in full operation;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the extent of loss suffered by the Air India as a result thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are frequent disruption in the flight schedules of the Air India due to VIP travel; and

(e) the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) At present, Air India has eleven Boeing - 747 aircraft.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. All the aircraft are airworthy but generally two aircraft remain on ground on rotation at any given time for mandatory checks/maintenance. There is no loss on account of the grounding of aircraft for checks/maintenance as these are mandatory requirements.

(d) and (e). No, Sir. However, whenever an aircraft is withdrawn from scheduled services, adequate steps are taken by Air India to rebook passengers on other flights.

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

(a) the amount spent by the Government on the renovation, modernisation and upgradation of ITDC hotels during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether any plan for renovation/modernisation/upgradation of ITDC hotels has been worked out for the next three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount proposed to be spent thereon and how the Government propose to meet the expenditure on this account?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) I.T.D.C. incurred plan expenditure of Rs. 31.96 crores on renovation/modernisation/upgradation of its hotel properties during the seventh Five Year Plan period.

(b) and (c). The plan for renovation/modernisation/upgradation of hotels is taken up by ITDC on a year to year basis. Out of a plan allocation of Rs. 5.00 crores for 1992-93, ITDC proposes to spend Rs. 1.75 crore on the said works.

Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat

2794. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H.
TOPIWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop/modernise the telephone exchanges in Gujarat during Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?