

like Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) to (c). The Industrial Finance Corporation of India Limited (IFCI) has reported that during the year 1993-94 (April-March), it has disbursed a total amount of Rs. 2163.13 crores as against Rs. 1732.48 crores during the year 1992-93 (April-March), showing a growth of 24.9%. IFCI has also reported that their resource position for the targetted disbursement during 1994-95 is satisfactory.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

### Tripartism

2945. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news item captioned "Decline of trade unionism destroys tripartism: ILO" appearing in the Observer of Business and Politics, New Delhi dated July 14, 1994;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the cherished concept of tripartism involving worker, management and the State for overall efficiency and productivity is maintained in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). The views expressed by Mr. Walter Galenson, a leading Labour Economist, which initially appeared in the Anniversary Issue (June, 1994) of the ILO Magazine, "World of Work" are not those of the ILO but are based on a Dutch study on the decline in trade union density during 1980 in most industrialised countries, notably USA, UK, France and Italy. However, according to Mr. Galenson, trade unions in the industrialised countries are by no means threatened with extinction and most of them are functioning satisfactorily. In fact, some East Asian Countries have seen an augmentation of union strength and power. In Africa, too, the labour movement is getting more organised.

In India, there is as yet no evidence of any sharp decline in trade union membership and the dynamics of collective bargaining and tripartism are working satisfactorily.

### Bekal Fort

2946. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAM-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karala has put forth any proposal for developing Bekal Fort in Kasargod district of Kerala into a tourist centre;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed schemes and estimated total cost thereof;

(c) whether the project is proposed to be set up by the State Government

or the Union Government or in joint sector; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Bakal has been identified as a Special Tourism Area for intensive development. Govt. of Kerala has not submitted any proposal for developing Bekal Fort.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

#### **Reservation System**

2947. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and the Air India have recently tied up with the American Airlines to offer the 'Sabre reservation system' to Indian travel agents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objectives to be achieved thereby; and

(d) the benefits likely to be derived by the Indian passengers and the travel agents by the introduction of new system in the domestic and international airlines and flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d). Indian Airlines and Air India have tied up with Sabre, a Global Computerised Reservation System owned

by American Airlines to offer Indian travel agents the facility to make bookings on any airlines world wide using a single computer terminal located in the travel agents office. With this facility operations of travel agents will become more efficient and they will be in a position to offer immediate confirmations to passengers for any flight without contacting individual airlines separately. Air India and Indian Airlines passengers will be directly benefited since this system provides instant confirmation facility for onward travel by various airlines with other travel related service like car rental, hotel reservations etc., in line with facilities available in more advanced countries.

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#### **Air passage Facility**

2948. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:

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

(a) the details of free air passage facility provided by the Air India Airlines to their employees/former employees or other persons besides their dependents during 1993 and 1994 (upto June 30);

(b) the particulars of the beneficiaries of such facility; and

(c) the cost incurred on such free air passages by the Air India and the Indian Airlines, separately, during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c). The