

Air Taxi Operators

2536. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMCHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the air taxi operators have defaulted in payment of landing fee and other charges due to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite the recovery of such dues?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.

Helicopter Services In North-Eastern Region

2537. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce helicopter services in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of towns proposed to be connected by the service;

(d) whether the Government have received requests for connecting the two hill districts of Assam with the said helicopter service network; and

(e) if so, the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e). It has been decided to connect less accessible towns including those in Assam, of the North Eastern States through helicopter service, to be operated by Pawan Hans Limited, initially on a limited scale with two helicopters, to serve interior areas of Arunachal Pradesh & Nagaland.

The routes proposed to be operated in the region, which would be subject to finalisation in consultation with North Eastern Council and respective States are given in the Statement enclosed.

In the absence of a firm commitment from Government of Nagaland, for provision of infrastructural arrangement, the service is proposed to be initially started in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, by June, 1995.

STATEMENT

The Places proposed to be connected by Helicopter service in the North-Eastern Region (Not Final)

Kohima Base

Kohima—Mokokchung—Tuensang—Mokokchung—

Wokha—Kohima

Kohima—Mokokchung—Mon—Mokokchung—

Kohima—Jorhat

Kohima—Phek—Zunhobuto—Kohima

Kohima—Ukhrul—Imphal—Tamenglong—Jiriban—

Silchar—

Jiriban—Tamenglong—Imphal—Ukhrulkohima

Dibrugarh Base

Dibrugarh—Passighat—Tuting—Passighat—

Dibrugarh

Dibrugarh—Along—Dibrugarh

Dibrugarh—Roing—Amini—Roing—Dibrugarh

Dibrugarh—Daparizo—Limking—Daparizo—

Dibrugarh

Dibrugarh—Hanajar—Tezpur—Itanagar—

Dibrugarh

Demand and Supply of Mica

2538. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production, export and domestic consumption of mica product and crude mica made from the mines during each of the last three years, separately;

(b) the total volume of India's international trade on mica and its percentage of the total global trade during the above period both in terms of value and quantity;

(c) whether the world's production and consumption of mica are on decline during the above period; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of mica and boost its export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Production and Export of mica is given below:

(Qty. in MT)

Production	
1991-92	5957
1992-93	3997 (Provisional)
1993-94	3113 (Provisional)

Source: IBM, Nagapur

(Qty. in MT)

Exports :			
Year	Processed Mica Qty.	Mica Products (Fabricated, Powder & others) Qty.	Total Qty.
1991-92	6159	28721	34880
1992-93	5722	22019	27741
1993-94	N.A.	N.A.	28158

Consumption:

Precise details about consumption of mica during the last three years are not available. However, as per IBM, Nagpur, consumption of all types of mica for all industries from 1987 to 1989-90 was as under:

1987	—	9150 (tonnes)
1988	—	8750 (tonnes)
1989-90	—	9300 (tonnes)

(b) Precise details of volume of world trade in mica are not available.

(c) Consumption of mica in the world has been affected due to technological obsolescence, breakup of USSR and general economic recession in the world.

(d) Review of export policy and thrust on exporting value added products of mica are proposed for increasing exports of mica.