

(d) sales tax exemption received from Maharashtra, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu (Air India only) for the years 1975-76 and 1977-78?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION AND LABOUR (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK):** (a) No income-tax was payable by Air-India during the years 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78.

(b) Customs Duty exemption on aircraft purchased by Air India for the years 1975-76 to 1977-78 was Rs. 484.27 lakhs.

(c) Total amount of customs duty relief for the import of aircraft spares during the years 1975-76 to 1977-78 was Rs. 1893.85 lakhs.

(d) Sales tax exemption from the Governments of Maharashtra, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu for uplift of aviation fuel from these states is as follows:

1975-76...Rs. 288.80 lakhs  
1977-78...Rs. 458.50 lakhs

#### **Boeing Air Service for Rajkot**

1518. **SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Rajkot is not having boeing service and is also not linked with Ahmedabad and Kandla to get a connection for Delhi, despite traffic potentiality and heavy waiting list;

(b) whether Government are aware that comparatively smaller places in Saurashtra like Bhavnagar, Jamnagar and Bhuj are getting the boeing facility; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to consider giving boeing air service to Rajkot in the new timetable coming into force from 1st April, 1980?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION AND LABOUR (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Indian Airlines has plan to introduce a daily Boeing-737 air service between Bombay and Rajkot when four more Boeing-737 aircraft are inducted into its fleet by September, 1980.

#### **Export of Cotton Bales**

1519. **SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL state how many cotton bales were exported from Gujarat during the year 1979 as against 1978?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):** 19,727 bales were exported during the period from 1st April 1979 to 18th March 1980 as against 16,331 bales exported during the period from 1st April 1978 to 31st March, 1979 by the Gujarat State Co-operative Cotton Marketing Federation.

#### **Development of North East India as 'Tourist Paradise'**

1520. **SHRI P. A. SANGMA:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire North-East India with its climate and natural beauty could be developed into 'tourists paradise';

(b) if so, why has it escaped Government's attention so far; and

(c) what steps are being taken or proposed to be taken to bring the entire North-Eastern region in the tourist's map of India?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):** (a) to (c). Because of