

Reduction in fuel Cost in International Market

1347. SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that fuel cost has gone down in the International market ;

(b) if so, the extent of shortfall in cost and its impact on the Indian Airlines and Air India ; and

(c) what are the additional avenues generated by Air India and Indian Airlines, separately during the last two years, as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYLER) : (a) Whereas fuel prices in international market had gone down till December 1986, it has again gone up from 15th February 1987.

(b) While, for Air India, the extent of shortfall in fuel cost is approximately Rs. 41 crores during 1986-87, the reduction in fuel cost has no significant impact on Indian Airlines.

(c) Because of reduction in fuel price, the fuel cost shows a reduction. It does not entail generation of more revenue.

Joint Study of Brahmaputra Tributaries

1348. SHRI NITYANANDA MISRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint study was undertaken to assess the volume of water flowing through the tributaries of Brahmaputra so that it can be tapped for the mutual benefit of the three neighbouring countries of Nepal, India and Bangladesh ;

(b) if so, at what stage the matter rests ;

(c) what are the findings of the survey already made ; and

(d) by what time this is going to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Bombay-Kodal Vayudoot Service

1349. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for introduction of Vayudoot service from Bombay to Kudal, the district headquarter of the Sindhudurg district of the Konkan region in Maharashtra ; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government to this proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allotment of of Bookstall to M/s. A.H. Wheeler

1350. SHRI DHARAMVIR SINGH TYAGI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several Members of Parliament had suggested the allotment of a bookstall to M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Company (Private) Limited at the newly constructed platform at Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh in lieu of surrendering another station-bookstall to be mutually decided between the Company and the Railways ;

(b) whether such requests have been made keeping in view their very long experience as the Railway bookstall contractor ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the fresh allotment at Allahabad Station is not likely to exceed the limit of the number of their present holdings; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) This was mentioned in the letters.

(c) Any fresh allotment will exceed their present holding.

(d) The suggestion was not agreed to, and the Members of Parliament were advised accordingly.

Decentralisation of DTC Management

1351. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Management of the Delhi Transport Corporation is going to be decentralised into four zones;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) the benefits which the staff and passengers are likely to get as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Functional decentralization for operations through four regions has been effective since 10th December, 1986.

(c) The decentralization envisages working autonomy at regional level, while the corporate office would concern itself with policy and monitoring and co-ordination. The advantages to the staff would be through quicker disposal of individual personnel cases at the Regional level. As for passenger, since the General Managers in charge of the regions are vested with

powers of operations and maintenance, aim of more efficient service is expected to be achieved.

Anganwaris/Adult Education Centres in Orissa

1352. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to open Anganwaris/Adult education centres and number of such centres opened district-wise in Orissa during 1985-86, 1986-87 and proposed to be opened in 1987-88.

(b) whether it is a fact that the motto of the programme (as per plans) is to accord priority to opening of such centres in the areas inhabited by Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(c) if so, the reasons for not extending the programme to all the blocks under Jaipur sub-division which has majority of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe population; and

(d) the number and places of such centres proposed to be opened in 1987-88 in Cuttack District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMTI KRISHNA NAHI): (a) A statement showing district-wise Anganwaris/Adult Education Centres opened during 1985-86 and 1986-87 and number of Adult Education Centres proposed to be opened during 1987-88 is given below. The question of ICDS Projects for 1987-88 is yet to be decided.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Rural Functional Literacy Projects are opened in one or two contiguous blocks in a district and can be shifted after illiteracy in the age group 15-35 is removed in that area.

(d) 600 Adult Education Centres have been proposed in Cuttack District during 1987-88.