

Revenue earned by IA from domestic cargo

8767. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKHSMI : Will the minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the revenue earned by the Indian Airlines during the financial year 1986-87 from its domestic cargo operation and how does it compare with that of previous year;

(b) the revenue target fixed for 1987-88 and the revenue earned during the first six months and how the same compares with that of previous year's first half; and

(c) the quantity of cargo and names of items handled during the first half of the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) Indian Airlines earned a revenue of Rs. 38.93 crores from its domestic cargo operation during the year 1986-87 as against Rs. 35.36 crores during 1985-86, resulting in an increase of about 10.0% over the previous year.

(b) The total operating revenue target fixed for 1987-88 is Rs. 963.85 crores. The total operating revenue earned during April '87-September '87 was Rs. 446.13 crores, as against Rs. 393.90 crores earned during the corresponding period (April 86-September '86). This amounts to 13.25% more than that earned during the corresponding period in 1986.

(c) The current year has just started. However, the cargo carried during the period April to Sept. 87 i.e. first six months of the financial year 1987-88 was 53908 tonnes and the items carried were newspapers and periodicals, perishables, machinery and aircraft parts, textiles, medicines, electronic items, etc.

Preparation of Master Catalogue of Manuscripts

8768. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to feed into computer all available information about all known manuscripts in India and foreign countries, to prepare a Master Catalogue of catalogues of manuscripts and also a scheme for the survey, location and procurement of Sanskrit manuscripts lying scattered in India and other countries, is under active consideration of Government; and

(f) if so, the outlines thereof and important features of the proposal and the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), an autonomous Trust set up by the Department of Arts under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, has a computerised National Information Centre and Data Bank of Arts, humanities and cultural heritage (Indira Gandhi Kala Nidhi). One of its objectives is the identification and survey of repositories having significant holdings/collections of primary source material on Indian arts, humanities and cultural heritage in diverse forms, verbal, auditory, visual, solids; to analyse and disseminate data and information thereof to scholars, students, institutions, policy makers in Central and State Governments; and to make available reprographic copies of the source material in different media such as micro-films, microfiche discs, tapes, printouts, photographs, slides, videos, films, etc. In fulfilment of this objective, the IGNCA has undertaken a producing a Union Catalogue of Catalogues available of Sanskrit manuscripts in India and abroad, shortly known as 'CAT CAT'. The data base for this project would provide information from about 700 published and 200 unpublished catalogues and this information has been computerised. Data on particular disciplines relating to unpublished material can now be retrieved by title, subject and repositories of manuscripts in India and abroad.