

Opening of Reservation Counters on Sundays/Holidays at Bangalore

8481. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines Reservation Office is functioning on Sundays and general holidays;

(b) if not, whether Government are aware that the offices of the travel agents are also closed on Sundays and general holidays in Bangalore; and

(c) whether Government propose to open Indian Airlines Reservation Office at Bangalore half a day on Sundays and other general holidays for the convenience of the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c). The city reservation office of Indian Airlines at Bangalore which has CRT facility is open for public from 1000 hrs. to 2000 hours on all days including Sundays and holidays. Whereas the ticketing facility is available from 100 hrs. to 1700 hrs. with lunch break from 1300 hrs. to 1345 hrs. other facilities like endorsements, cancellations, enquiries etc. are available from 1000 hrs. to 2000 hrs. on all days including Sundays and holidays.

Proposal to set up Regional Office of UPSC at Bangalore

8482. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Regional Office of the Union Public Service Commission at Bangalore to help the candidates appearing from Bangalore and other places in Southern Region for Central Civil Services Examinations; and

(b) if so, when and the details thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Frequency of Flights between Mangalore-Bombay

8483. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy waiting list every day due to increase in traffic on Mangalore-Bombay sector;

(b) number of flights operating per day on this sector; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce Airbus or additional Boeing service on this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir, Whereas the waiting list on the Mangalore-Bombay sector is negligible, if it is generally large on Bombay-Mangalore sector, However, the length of waiting list is not always an accurate indicator of actual demand.

(b) Indian Airlines is operating two Boeing 737 (IC-159/160 and IC-179/180) services daily on Mangalore -Bombay-Mangalore sector.

(c) Mangalore airport is not at present suitable for operation by Airbus 300 aircraft. At present, there is no proposal for introducing additional Boeing services on the Mangalore Bombay-Mangalore sector.