

(c) and (d). 2 SIA Registrations have been issued for the manufacture of Multi-layer Plastic Films and B/W TV Picture Tubes in the district of Ahmed Nagar.

Proposal to Increase fare by Indian Airlines

6022. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:

SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA:

SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA:

SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether barely a few weeks after raising its fare on the short-haul routes, the Indian Airlines has now proposed steep hike ranging from 20 to 30 per cent in its basic fare;

(b) if so, the justification thereof;

(c) whether Government have studied the implications of the proposed increase on the top of the 10 per cent travel tax announced in the last budget and how hard it will hit the air travellers; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (d). Indian Airlines has submitted a proposal to Government to increase its basic rupee fares on domestic sectors from 15% to 30% on different distance slabs to off-set the increase in cost of operations. The proposal is under consideration of the Government. The Indian Airlines, domestic fares, at the moment are amongst the lowest in the world.

Adoption of Village by BEL, Bangalore

6023. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore has adopted Dodda Bommasandra Village for its improvement;

(b) if so, when the above village was adopted and the amount spent so far for its improvement;

(c) the number of borewells sunk and street lights provided so far; and

(d) steps taken to provide drinking water facilities to the above village?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Doddabommasandra village was adopted by BEL in 1986. An amount of Rs. 3.92 lakhs has been spent on its improvement by the Company.

(c) Two borewells have been sunk and 22 street light fittings provided.

(d) Drinking water is supplied through two borewells and a pipeline system which feeds twenty one public taps. In those areas where borewell water is not being supplied, water is supplied through drums carried in lorries.

Vayudoot Service to Dharmasthala

6024. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dharmasthala is one of the