

(d) names of the top ten hoarders and the value and quantities of essential goods dehoarded from them and action taken against these hoarders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL): (a) and (b). There have been shortages of and a rising trend in the prices of pulses and mustard oil. Hoarding by traders of these commodities could be a contributory cause. With a view to arresting this tendency, two orders, viz. the Pulses and Edible Oils (Storage Control) Order 1977 and the Mustard Oil (Price Control) Order, 1977 were issued on 30th September, 1977 with a view to bringing out the stocks into the open market and to enable mustard oil being available to consumers at a retail price not exceeding Rs. 10/- per kg.

(c) and (d). The State Governments have been advised to take action against hoarding, black marketing and other malpractices in terms of the powers available with them under the Essential Commodities Act and the orders framed thereunder. The State Governments, who are the executing agencies, take appropriate action as necessary. Full details of every raid conducted are not being reported to this Ministry.

Purchase of AIR Buses by AIC

814. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Air Buses were primarily bought by the Indian Airlines to cope up with heavy domestic traffic within the country;

(b) if so, what were the reasons that, instead of using these Air Buses by Indian Airlines, the management loaned them to the Air-India; and.

(c) the total investment made by the Indian Airlines in purchasing these Air Buses?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Airbus A300B2 aircraft has been fully utilised by Indian Airlines towards meeting the domestic demand. Only very marginal capacity (two flights per week) which Indian Airlines could not fruitfully utilise, was offered to Air-India to assist them in meeting their needs on the Gulf routes.

(c) The total investment on the Airbus project including the cost of three Airbus A300B2 aircraft, spare engines, spares and equipment amounted to Rs. 112.46 crores.

बिहार में पर्यटन आकर्षण के ऐतिहासिक और धार्मिक स्थान

815. श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1975-76, 1976-77 के दौरान और 1977 में अब तक कितने विदेशी पर्यटकों ने बिहार के ऐतिहासिक और धार्मिक स्थानों की यात्रा की तथा उसके परिणामस्वरूप कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा की प्राय हुई; और

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार बिहार के विभिन्न स्थानों को पर्यटकों के आकर्षण के स्थान बनाने का है और यदि हाँ, तो इस बारे में क्या कार्यवाही की जायेगी ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री पुष्पोत्तम कौशिक) : (क) क्योंकि