

Steps taken to meet the demands of Pilots

781. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH - Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the proposed expansion programme and extension of Indian Airlines services to some more cities and introducing air buses in its flights have been considered by Government,

(b) if so, details therein,

(c) whether as a result of increase in flights and introduction of more planes including air buses, demand for pilots will be increased, and

(d) if so, steps proposed to be taken to meet the demands of pilots ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK) (a) and (b) While Indian Airlines have no proposals to airtlink new cities in the immediate future it is proposed to operate Boeing 737 to Cochin in the winter of 1979 and to extend Airbus services to Gauhati Goa and Brinagar in 1980-81

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) Indian Airlines have already initiated training programmes for induction to the required cadres Training at Toulouse for Airbus Pilots and in India for Boeing 737 pilots is under way

Tourist Traffic in Sikkim

782 SHRI CHHATRA BAHADUR CHHEIRI Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the tourist traffic is picking up in Sikkim, and

(b) whether Government are considering to introduce air service from Bagdogra to Gangtok ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK) (a) Yes, Sir According to statistics of tourist arrivals maintained by the Government of Sikkim, 16,500 domestic tourists and 2,200 international tourists visited Sikkim in 1977-78 In 1978-79, the number of domestic and international tourists increased to 24,000 3,200 respectively representing an increase of 30 percent.

(b) Indian Airlines are not planning any such operation into Gangtok Gangtok would however be included in the contemplated third level air services in the North Eastern Region of India.

इंडियन एयर लाइन्स के किराये में वृद्धि

783. श्री दत्त श्री लाल सुनन : क्या सर्वदल और नगर विमानन नबी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या निकट भविष्य में इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के किराये में वृद्धि किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है, और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो उसका क्या औचित्य है ?

सर्वदल और नगर विमानन नबी (श्री पुष्पोत्तम काँशिक) : (क) और (ख) विमानन ईंधन पर बिक्री कर और उत्पादन शुल्क एवं काल्पु दुर्जों की लागत में भारी वृद्धि तथा अवतरण शुल्क, इत्यादि में बढ़ोतरी के कारण इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के किराये के साथे जो तर्कसंगत बनाने के प्रयास विमान किराये और माल भाडे में लगभग 15 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि का प्रस्ताव है। मामले की जांच की जा रही है।

Enrolment of New Income-tax Assesseees

784 SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY - Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the number of new income-tax assesseees who have been enrolled from 1977 onwards todate by the Chartered Accountants,

(b) the number of new Income-tax assesseees who have been enrolled from 1977 onwards todate by the Income-tax Practitioners of India,

(c) whether any incentives are proposed to be given to the Income-tax practitioners so that they can bring in larger number of small assesseees, and

(d) whether the Institute of Chartered Accountants gives any incentives for the Chartered Accountants so that they can enrol more number of larger assesseees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQARULLAH) (a) and (b) : No source records are maintained or are available in the Income-tax Department from which the information required in these two parts of the question could be collected and furnished

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir