

from which loans/credits have been taken, is as follows:—

As on	Amount (Rs. crores at current rates)
1-4-76	10384.85
1-4-77	11088.93
1-4-78	11657.38
1-4-79	11768.28
1-4-80	12178.42

The amount of interest is payable on the debt outstanding and due in a particular year and is always paid on the due dates according to the provisions of the loan agreements. The interest paid in each of the last four financial years is indicated below:—

Year	Amount of interest paid (Rs. in crores)
1976-77	204.09
1977-78	218.26
1978-79	245.65
1979-80 (estimate)	253.63
1980-81 (estimate)	252.56

Statement

S. No.	Name of country to which Air India/Indian Airlines operate	No. of services per week operated by Air-India/Indian Airlines	No. of services per week operated by Air-lines of the country concerned
1	2	3	4
1	Australia	1	3
2	Democratic Yeman	1	1
3	Ethiopia	1	2
4	France	4 + 1½ cargo	7
5	Ghana	2	..

(b) The estimated amount of debt servicing payments due during 1980-81 and 1981-82 in respect of foreign loans and credits is Rs. 736.49 crores (Rs. 483.93 crores on account of principal and Rs. 252.56 crores on interest) and Rs. 815.12 crores (Rs. 525.59 crores on account of principal and Rs. 289.53 crores on interest) respectively.

Number of Flights between India and Foreign Countries

4830. SHRI MOHD. ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries where Indian Airlines/Air India do operate under mutual Agreement/without Agreement as on date; and

(b) the number of flights each country has with India and vice-versa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b). A statement giving the requisite information is attached.

	2	3	4
6 Gulf		28 + 2 cargo E/B	27
7 Hong Kong		3	..
8 Iraq		1 + 1 cargo	2
9 Iran		2	2
10 Italy		4 + 1 cargo	7
11 Japan		4	4
12 Kuwait		7	7
13 Kenya		4	4
14 Malaysia		3	2
15 Netherland		2	2
16 Nigeria		2	..
17 Switzerland		2 + $\frac{1}{2}$ cargo	7
18 Singapore		3	6
19 Seychells		1	..
20 Saudi Arabia		7	7
21 Tanzania		1	1
22 Thailand		4	8
23 U.K.		11 + 2 cargo E/B	21
24 U.S.S.R.		2	5
25 U.S.A.		7 + 1 cargo	8
26 West Germany		4 + 3 cargo	7
27 Zambia		1	1
28 Belgium		1 cargo	2
29 Bangladesh		8—Air India-1 Indian Airlines-7	18
30 Mauritius (services operated under joint names of Air-India and Air Mauritius)		2	1
<i>Operated by Indian Airlines :</i>			
31 Afghanistan		2	4
32 Maldives		2	..
33 Nepal		23	18
34 Pakistan-		9	8
35 Sri Lanka		12	10

Note : 1/2 service means, operation on one direction only.

In addition foreign Airlines also operate services to India though Air India/Indian Airlines do not operate any service to those countries at present, as per following details :—

S. No.	Name of Country	Name of Airline	No. of services operated
1	Burma	Burma Airways	3
2	Czechoslovakia	Chez. Airlines	2
3	Indonesia	Garuda	2
4	Poland	Lot Polish	1
5	S ria	Syrian Arab Airlines	2
6	Lebanon	TMA	2
7	Scandinavian countrie.	SAS	2

Indo-Bangladesh Trade Talks for Newsprint

from 21st June, 1980 to 24th June, 1980.

4831. SHRI MOHD. ASRAR AHMAD:

SHRI C. CHINNA SWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been a five day Indo-Bangladesh Trade talks ended on 24th June, 1980 as reported on page 3, columns 3 and 4 of English daily 'Times of India' dated 25th June, 1980;

(b) the outcome of the aforesaid trade talks held;

(c) whether the existing trade agreement expires in September, 1980; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to renew the trade pact early with wide ranging items on either side including newsprint import?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) India-Bangladesh Trade Talks were held

(b) During the Talks, trade between the two countries was reviewed in detail. Both sides agreed, *inter alia*, to take necessary steps for further development and diversification of trade between the two countries.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government are already in touch with the Bangladesh authorities on the format of the Trade Agreement that would come into operation following the expiry of the existing Agreement.

Stock of Gold

4832. SHRI MOHD. ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the stock of gold (category-wise) with the Government of India/Reserve Bank of India as on 1st April, 1976, 1st April 1977, 1st April 1978, 1st April, 1979 and 1st April, 1980?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): Stocks of gold (category-wise) with the Government of India/Reserve Bank of