

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):** (a) to (c). A delegation led by H. F. Mr. Reza Sadr, Minister of Commerce of the Islamic Republic of Iran visited India earlier this month. The discussions with the visiting delegation related to trade and economic cooperation. Some possible areas of co-operation between the two countries in the fields of trade, industry, shipping, transport and railways, agriculture and planning and science and technology were identified. A decision was also taken to constitute a Committee on Trade which, in terms of the Trade Agreement of 1974, would meet at appropriate levels alternatively at Tehran and New Delhi.

#### **Liberalisation of Aviation Policy**

2273. **SHRI LAKSHMAN MALICK:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to liberalise the aviation policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR):** (a) and (b). Government are considering as to how the aviation policy should be modified to meet the target of tourism arrivals. The details will be known after Government takes a decision on the subject.

#### **Promotion of Domestic Youth Tourism**

2274. **SHRI LAKSHMAN MALICK:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build a fund to promote domestic youth tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

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**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR):** (a) and (b). The Government has no proposal under its consideration to build a fund per se to promote domestic youth tourism. The Central Department of Tourism, however, has constructed a chain of 16 youth hostels in the country to promote youth travel. One youth hostel is under construction and sanction for another one was issue during 1979-80.

The Central Department of Tourism also offers through its Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering at Gulmarg, courses in winter skiing and water skiing in summer to our youth whereby youth travel is combined with the promotion or recreational activities. It has also assisted financially and through the loan of services, free of charge, of ski instructors in the organisation of various trekking programmes for our youth. The Central Government also gives an annual grant-in-aid to the Youth Hostels Association of India which promotes youth tourism. Thus, without having a specific fund for promoting youth tourism, a number of programmes have been initiated by the Central Department of Tourism to promote domestic youth tourism.

#### **दिल्ली में नाप और तेल के लाइसेंसों का जारी किया जाना**

2275. **श्री धर्म दास शास्त्री :** क्या नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में बाटों और मापकों की थोक और खुदरा विक्री हेतु नाप और तेल नियंत्रक द्वारा लाइसेंस जारी किये जाने के लिये क्या-क्या नियम और विनियम बने हुए हैं;

(ख) मार्च, 1980 से 5 मई, 1980 तक, क्षेत्रवार और फर्म-वार, ऐसे कितने लाइसेंस जारी किए गए हैं; और

(ग) क्या ऐसा कोई लाइसेंस किसी ऐसी फर्म को भी दिया गया है, जिसके विरुद्ध

गत वर्ष अथवा इस वर्ष विभाग में शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थीं ?

**नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री विद्या चरण शुक्ल) :** (क) लाइसेंस, राजस्थान बाट तथा माप (प्रवर्तन) अधिनियम, 1958, जो संघ राज्य क्षेत्र दिल्ली में लागू है तथा उसके अन्तर्गत बनाए गये नियमों के तहत जारी किये जाते हैं ।

(ख) मार्च से 5 मई, 1980 के दौरान निम्नांकित फर्मों को दो लाइसेंस जारी किये गये थे :-

(1) मैसर्स रोमा पेंट एण्ड हार्डवेयर, 104/3, मीनाक्षी गार्डन, नई दिल्ली ।

(2) मैसर्स अग्रवाल ब्रदर्स, ई-56, लक्ष्मी नगर, शकरपुर, दिल्ली

(ग) जी हां, एक फर्म के मामले में ।

**Third Airline to cover Gangtok-Calcutta and Cooch-Bihar-Calcutta routes**

**2276. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Third Airlines with small Aircraft i.e. Air-taxis is going to be operated very soon; and

(b) whether Gangtok-Calcutta and Cooch-Bihar-Calcutta routes would be covered by the Third Airlines?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR):** (a) The general questions of operation of third level air service and Air taxi service are under consideration of Government, and a decision is likely to be taken shortly.

(b) No decision has so far been taken on the subject.

**Decision on purchasing Dollars, Marks and Yen in open market**

**2277. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have decided to buy dollars, marks and yen in open market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantity of foreign currency so far purchased by the Government of India?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT):** (a) and (b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the recent change in the method adopted by the Reserve Bank of India for working out its buying rates for U.S. dollars, Deutche Marks and Japanese Yen.

2. The Reserve Bank, with effect from June 2, 1980, has been buying from authorised dealers US dollars, Deutche Marks and Japanese Yen, both spot and forward, at rates based on the latest rates and trends prevailing in the international foreign exchange markets as against the earlier procedure under which the Reserve Bank purchased these currencies at rates based on the closing rates in the London market on the previous working day, coupled with Reserve Bank's rate for pound Sterling.

3. The details of foreign currency amounts purchased by the Reserve Bank of India from the authorised dealers since 2nd June, 1980 to 20th June, 1980 (latest available) are given below:

Pound Sterling	Rs. 150.03 crores
U.S. dollars	Rs. 51.71 crores
Deutche Mark	Rs. 2.57 crores
Japanese Yen	Nil