

Essential Commodities Act, 1980. They have been urged to intensify the de-boarding operations, from time to time.

Export of capital from India to Asian countries.

679. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) names of Asian countries to which the financial Capital from India had been exported and amount of money invested there country-wise; and

(b) what are names of the financial Institutions or Companies which invested there?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it becomes available.

Reduction in Air fare on Srinagar-Leh route

680. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines air fare between Srinagar and Leh is much higher than the routes of similar distances elsewhere in the country;

(b) what is the aerial distance and flying hours between Srinagar and Leh and Srinagar-Delhi;

(c) whether Government are considering the demand made by the public of Ladakh to reduce or subsidise the airfare on the Srinagar-Leh route as in vogue on some of the air routes in the Eastern sector; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. The fare is comparatively higher.

(b) The requisite information is as under:

	Aerial Distance in miles	Flying time
Srinagar/Delhi	419	1 hr. 10 mts.
Srinagar/Leh	168	40 mts.

(c) and (d) Indian Airlines has already introduced a round-trip discounted fare for travel on Srinagar|Leh|Srinagar sectors with effect from 1st May, 1980. The discount is 25 per cent on round-trip Journeys.

Routes to be covered by Proposed Third Airline Service in North Eastern Region

681. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by his Ministry to start Third Air-Line Service in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, which of the routes would be covered by the proposed Third Air-Line Service; and

(c) will the unemployed Commercial Pilots of the North-Eastern Region be given preference in employment for the new Air-Line Service?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Government have approved in principle operation of feeder services in the North-Eastern Region.