

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.

(b) Route pattern is being worked out; and

(c) They would be considered subject to their fulfilling the required qualifications, experience etc.

Setting up of a Unit Trust Like Organisation in Kerala

682. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has sought the Centre's permission to set up a 'Unit Trust' like organisations for mobilising the gulf money for productive enterprises;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the decision of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Indo-Singapore Trade

683. SHRI R PRABHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks were held in New Delhi during September this year to increase and diversify Indo-Singapore trade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was agreed that exchange of business delegations between the two countries may be encouraged for increasing trade.

Construction of Airport at Hubli

684. SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) which are the new airports to be taken up for construction during the present plan period;

(b) whether the construction of Airport at Hubli is to be taken or abandoned for ever; and

(c) if it is to be taken up, when?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A.P. SHARMA): (a) Construction of new aerodromes at Calicut and Port Blair is likely to be considered in the Five Year Plan 1980-85.

(b) and (c). There is no proposal at present to construct an aerodrome at Hubli. This project is likely to be considered in the context of Third Level Air Services which is under consideration of the Government.

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय भाव पर चीनी का आयात

685. श्री दया राम शाक्य : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चीनी के आयात के लिए भारते सरकार ने दूसरे देशों से लेन-देन किस महीने में किया और उस समय अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में चीनी का भाव क्या था; और

(ख) कितनी मात्रा में चीनी खरीदी गई और भारत कब पहुंची और थोक विक्रेताओं अथवा ग्राम लोगों को यह किस दर पर उपलब्ध की गई ?

वाणिज्य तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) अप्रैल, 1980 में उस समय अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में प्रचलित सर्वोत्तम उपलब्ध कीमत पर 2,00,000