

(b) if so, the names of cities and towns proposed to be linked with the exact time, the service of Vayudoot to be made available, town and city-wise, the proposed fare to be charged, and other details, if any?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b) A decision in principle has been taken to extend Vayudoot services to places other than those in the North Eastern Region. Various aspects including selection of stations to be served by this service are under consideration of the Government.

Amount of Budgetary Deficit

1869. SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of deficit (budgetary) as of today; and

(b) the percentage by which it has exceeded the original anticipation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b). The deficit of Rs. 1539 crores projected in the Budget Estimates for 1981-82 is the year end deficit. No month-wise projection of this deficit has been made. The estimates of expenditure and receipts keep on changing during the course of the year owing to various factors and it is not possible to keep a day-to-day tally of the effect of such changes due

to the vast multitude of Government transactions. The effect of such changes during the year is reflected in the revised Estimates which are presented to Parliament. Further, the pace of receipts and expenditure of Government is not uniform and they are also not synchronised. The deficit on any particular date during the year does not reflect the likely deficit at the end of the year.

Trade Agreement with Argentina

1870. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV:

SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI:

SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently at Buenos Aires a trade agreement was signed between Argentina and India for export and import of commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the trade balance of India with Argentina so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAM): (a) Yes, Sir. A trade agreement was signed at Buenos Aires on the 28th July, 1981.

(b) Copies of the Agreement are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) The trade balance of India with Argentina is as follows:—

(Value in Rs Million)

Year	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade
1975-76	102.3	39.8	(-) 62.5
1976-77	10.8	22.9	(+) 12.1
1977-78	279.2	24.3	(-) 254.9
1978-79	131.1	15.4	(-) 168.7
1979-80 (April-Feb '80)	24.9	29.6	(+) 4.7