

Appendix III of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES), under which a procedure of certification would have to be adopted before any consignment is taken out of the country. In case of illegal consignments, the same would be detained at the port of entry of any member country to the Convention.

Involvement of Indian Commercial Banks in Funding of Projects Undertaken by Indian Contractors in Foreign Countries

704. SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Commercial Banks are involved in funding of projects undertaken by Indian contractors in foreign countries ; and

(b) if so, the total amount advanced by each Bank, respectively and the names of the projects being funded ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, a few Indian Commercial banks have lent monies to Indian companies engaged in construction projects abroad.

(b) These details are not readily available. They will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Introduction of Vayudoot Service in Orissa

705. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Orissa had suggested to his Ministry for introduction of Vayudoot service in Orissa ;

(b) if so, what are the suggestions and whether the proposal has been examined by his Ministry ;

(c) the outcome of the discussions between the State Government and his Ministry on this proposal ;

(d) when the Vayudoot service is going to be introduced by his Ministry from Bhubaneswar to Jeypore (Koraput) and other places ; and

(e) whether the proposal is under active consideration of his Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The following suggestions were made by the Government of Orissa :

(i) Introduction of Vayudoot services connecting Bhubaneshwar with Rourkela Jeypore and Jharsaguda.

(ii) Re-routing of the Calcutta-Rourkela, Vayudoot service on the Calcutta-Rourkela-Bhubaneshwar route.

These suggestions were examined in the Ministry and were not found feasible.

The State Government had, however, been informed that these stations would be considered for the provision of Vayudoot services in the future expansion plans, subject to the traffic demand justifying such services.

(d) and (e) At present there is no proposal under active consideration of the Ministry for introducing a service from Bhubaneswar to Jeypore.

Provision for Better Condition Defence Disposal Vehicles to M.Ps. in Avadi

706. SHRI C. PALANIAPPAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that the Defence disposal vehicles meant for M.Ps., are in exhumated condition especially in Avadi and are even unfit to be a scrap ;