

Loss Suffered by Kerala on Account of Abolition of Sales Tax on Export Goods

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kerala has suffered loss on account of abolition of sales tax on export goods;

(b) if so, the quantum of loss thus suffered; and

(c) the steps being taken to compensate the loss ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala have been claiming that the accumulated loss since 1976-77 onwards on account of amendment of the Central Sales Tax Act in 1976 was around Rs. 183 crores.

(c) It has not been possible for the Government of India to agree to the request of the State Government for compensation.

Air India's Free Passes for Travel Abroad for doctors who are not Whole-time Employees

3857. SHRI DIGAMBER SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air-India is maintaining a panel of doctors at Bombay, Delhi, Madras and Calcutta;

(b) if so, their particulars professional expertise, the remuneration payable to them including car facilities, if any;

(c) whether these doctors are also issued Air-India's free passes for travel

abroad and locally for themselves and their families; and

(d) if so at what scale and the justification for the same when they are not whole-time employees of Air-India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Air India have a panel of specialist doctors at Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi. At Madras they do not have a panel of specialists.

(b) The specialist panel has two categories, i.e. Senior Panel and Junior Panel. The number of specialists at these places as on 13th August, 1984 is as under :

Station	Specialists on		Total
	Senior Panel	Junior Panel	
Bombay	108	164	272
Delhi	6	62	68
Calcutta	7	18	25
Total :	121	244	365

The specialists are from various disciplines, such as Cardiology, Neurosurgery, Pathology, Radiology, Psychiatry, Medicine, etc.

The specialists of these panels are paid for rendering specific professional services, when availed of by the employees, at fixed concessional rates. Car facilities are not extended to these doctors.

(c) and (d)^{*} Free passages on Air India's services are given to the doctors on the panels at the following scales :—

(i) Senior panelists are given one free first class passage on any one Air India sector on space available basis once every year.