

are as given below:—

December, 1974	Rouble 1.66 per Pound Sterling
January, 1975	Rouble 1.66 per Pound Sterling
February, 1975	Rouble 1.60 per Pound Sterling
March, 1975	Roubles 1.62 per Pound Sterling

We are not aware of the exact reasons for these changes

Losses made up by Indian Airlines and Air India

3376. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines and Air India have started making up the losses suffered by them during the lock-out period; and

(b) whether the tourist traffic has also increased and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Vigorous economy and productivity measures have been taken by both the Corporations to increase their earnings and their losses are expected to be reduced considerably.

(b) The figures of tourist arrivals during the last five years and the percentage increase are as under:—

Year	Tourist arrivals	Percentage of increase over the previous year
1970	280,821	14.8
1971	300,995	7.2
1972	342,950	13.9
1973	409,895	19.5
1974	423,761	3.2

Tourists visiting India

3377. SHRI NIMBALKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government expect more tourists to visit this country in 1975-76 as compared to the previous years; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b). The figures of tourist arrivals in the two months of 1975 compared to those in 1974 are as follows:—

	January	February
1974	37,778	33,021
1975	42,661	38,000 (Estimate)

In view of the above, Government expects more tourists to visit India in 1975 as compared to the previous years.

Decline in deposits of nationalised banks

3378. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deposits in the nationalised banks have declined since nationalisation; and

(b) the deposits with the nationalised banks during the last three years year-wise and bank-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) (a) The aggregate deposits (excluding inter-bank deposits) of public sector banks, including the fourteen nationalised banks, increased from Rs. 3885