

Fare Reduction in International Plane Service

7640. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are moving for the fare reduction International Plane Service ; and

(b) if so, the background and details of this move ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) and (b). Fares on international routes are regulated by International Air Transport Association (I.A.T.A.) Resolutions. There is no move at present to reduce the normal fares on international routes. However, Air-India proposed the introduction of various promotional fares at a recent I.A.T.A. conference with the idea of achieving suitable reductions in the established fares to attract increased tourist traffic to India. Certain agreement was reached amongst the member-airlines in regard to these proposals, but final adoption will depend upon approval by the Governments concerned.

Moral Rearmament

7641. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) how many units of the "Moral Rearmament" are actively functioning in India ;

(b) the names of the States where they are functioning ;

(c) the nature of activities conducted by this organisation ;

(d) the names of its sponsors ; and

(e) the sources of its finances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). According to information furnished by State Governments, four Moral Rearmament centres, one each at Bangalore, Delhi, Panchgani (Maharashtra) and Calcutta are functioning in India. However, the West Bengal Government have intimated that the Moral Rearmament has practically no activity in that State at present.

(c) According to the State Government the activities of the Moral Rearmament are mostly of a cultural nature. However, State Governments of Maharashtra, West Bengal and Mysore have also intimated that the Moral Rearmament is opposed to the Communist ideology. According to West Bengal Government, it has taken steps to counteract communist propaganda. The Maharashtra Government have stated that the Moral Rearmament appears to be trying to create a lobby in favour of the western block.

(d) The Bangalore unit of the Moral Rearmament is reported to be functioning under the guidance of two Australian nationals. Shri Raj Mohan Gandhi is incharge of the Panchgani centre. The Delhi branch of the Moral Rearmament is being supervised by Shri R.D. Mathur. The Calcutta centre has Shri Raj Mohan Gandhi as its sponsor.

(e) According to the State Governments, the organisation is reported to be financed by private donations from individuals and institutions in India and abroad.

Information from the Government of Bihar is awaited.

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बारात पर आक्रमण**

7642. श्री रामचरण :

श्री मोलूह प्रसाद :

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 9 जनवरी, 1969 के 'आज' समाचारपत्र में प्रकाशित हुए उस समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया था जिसमें कहा गया है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के टिहरी गढ़वाल जिले के कोटी गांव में जब एक हरिजन के पुत्र की बारात वधू को डोली में लेकर वापस आ रही थी, तो लगभग 100 सबर्ण हिन्दू हाथों में लाठी लेकर आ गये और बारात को घेर लिया तथा उस पर ईंट-पत्थर और मिट्टी फेंकनी आरम्भ कर दी थी ;