

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. When the Indian Airlines hiked the fares in October 1998, the fares for flights to North East region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands were not finally raised.

[*English*]

**Permission to Private Agencies  
to Operate TV Stations**

2387. DR. SAROJA V. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have permitted some private agencies to operate TV stations with low power transmitters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of applications received by the Government for such permission; and

(d) the names of the private agencies proposed to be given permission to operate TV stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Starting of Second Channel of Doordarshan  
at Bhagalpur**

2388. SHRI PRABHASH CHANDRA TIWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand for starting a second channel of Doordarshan in some cities is under consideration of the Government;

(b) whether the Government propose to do the same in Bhagalpur district of Bihar also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal, a present, to start a second channel of Doordarshan at Bhagalpur in Bihar.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Development of F.P.I.**

2389. SHRI SURESH CHANDEL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research work is being carried out by the Indian Food Trade and Development Organisation for the development of fruit processing industries;

(b) if so, the results thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have taken a final decision in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) As far as the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is concerned, no information is available regarding the research work being carried out by Indian Food Trade & Development Organisation.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

[*English*]

**Open Sky Policy**

2390. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether infrastructural facilities at Airports are inadequate to support existing operations;

(b) if so, whether it is advisable to permit any new airlines in India; and

(c) if so, the time by which the Government are going for a review of the open sky policy?