

also to reduce/minimise transport cost and operational cost etc.

Charter policy

7020. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to liberalise its charter policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b). Charter Policy Guidelines were liberalised in April, 1990 permitting charters to operate to a large number of airports and by removing restrictions on points of operation, submission of the list of passengers in advance and fares to be charged.

During 1992, in order to encourage more tourist charters, during the lean season (April-September), the amount in foreign exchange payable per person for a seven day package has been reduced from 350 US Dollars to 300 US Dollars.

Change of Logo of Air India

7021. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India had Changed its logo from Centaur to Sun;

(b) if so, the reasons there for and the amount spent on it;

(c) whether it has now been decided to revert to Centaur; and

(d) if so, the reasons there for and the amount likely to be spent on this change again?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Air India took a decision to change the logo as part of an image building programme. The expenditure was Rs. 33 lakhs.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir, since the old logo was familiar and has been identified with Air India since a long time, it has been decided to restore the old logo. There may not be any additional expenditure on the restoration of old logo, since it will be done when the aircraft is due for normal maintenance.

[Translation]

International Tourists Centres

7022. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of important Indian Tourist Sports in the International map of Tourist Sites;

(b) whether the Government propose to declare some cities of international importance in the country as international tourist centres;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no standard map or list of international tourist sites and therefore it is not possible to indicate the names of Indian tourist sports which figure in them.