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LOK SABHA

Thursday, April 23, 1987/Vaisakha 3, 1909 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: It is my sad duty to inform the House of the demise of Shri Kandula Obul Reddy who was a Member of the Sixth and Seventh Lok Sabha during 1977-79 and 1980-84 respectively representing Cuddapah constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Born in an agricultural family, Shri Reddy took to trade and industry and made his mark as an industrialist. A well known social worker and widely travelled person, he was a sociated with several charitable organisations.

Shri Reddy passed away at Madras due to a tragic car accident on 20 April, 1987, at the age of 70 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Appointment of sales agents by Indian Airlines

*760. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual expenditure of Indian Airlines on its booking and sales set up in Delhi and other places including staff salary, office accommodation etc.;
- (b) whether any steps are contemplated to reduce this expenditure; and
- (c) whether it is proposed to appoint private parties as its sales agents in different cities; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Since Indian Airlines' commercial offices operate as adbeing sales ministrative offices, besides offices, and look after activities relating to airports, flight handling, passenger facilitation, security, etc. it is not possible to isolate annual expenditure on booking and sales only. However, the total expenditure during on the commercial activities 1985-86 of Indian Airlines (including that in seven foreign countries) was Rs. 25-83 crores. Of this, Rs. 0.76 crores was on the seven booking offices locate, in Delhi.

- (b) There does not appear to be scope for significant reduction in expenditure in view of the fixed nature of certain costs and the growth of passenger traffic.
- (c) Appointment of agents is made by Indian Airlines from time to time, depending on their commercial requirements.