

[English]

Profit/Loss in Air India

1888. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-
CHANDRAN:
DR. VENKATESH KABDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the profit/loss earned by Air India and Indian Airlines during the first six months of this year;

(b) whether Air India has offered any new schemes for the promotion of tourism in the country;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes introduced/proposed,

(d) whether Air India has suffered due to cancellations of tourist tickets this year and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) During the period January to June 1990, whereas Air India earned an estimated profit of Rs. 28.50 crores (provisional) Indian Airlines suffered an estimated loss of Rs. 32.50 crores (Provisional).

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Promotion of tourism is an on-going process. Air India has been promoting India since its inception as international carrier and works in close association with the Department of Tourism and Travel industry. Special promotional fares from most tourism generating areas and other special packages for promotion of tourism are offered by Air India. Special Schemes have also been launched in consultation with the Department of Tourism to promote traffic to India.

(d) Yes, sir.

(e) During the current financial year, from April to July 1990, Air India offices in Germany, France and Japan have reported losses in in-bound tourist groups.

[Translation]

Planting of Trees along Tracks

1889. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:
Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of large scale plantation of trees on both sides of railway tracks for checking the flow of water in the flood affected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for implementation of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Producers of Rifampicin

1890. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. has started manufacture of Rifampicin; and

(b) the names of other producers of Rifampicin in the country and the quantity produced by each of them during the last three years?