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**Vayudoot Service to Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu**

8666. SHRI S. SINGARAVADIVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot service available to Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu has been suspended indefinitely;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken for the revival of Vayudoot service to Thanjavur?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) (a) to (c) Vayudoot services to Thanjavur were suspended for want of aircraft. Due to the shortage of aircraft capacity, it would not be possible for Vayudoot Limited to recommence the service immediately.

**Import of N-Methyl Piprazine**

8667. SHRI K. MANVENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether N-Methyl Piprazine, a chemical used in the manufacture of drug intermediates for use as anti-TB drug, is restricted for import under the current Import and Export Policy

(b) whether the final intermediate is allowed for import; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The final intermediate 1-Amino-4 Methyl Piperazine is allowed for import under OGL but with registration. This is as per the EXIM Policy.

**Shifting of Office of Salt Commissioner from Jodhpur to Ahmedabad**

8668. SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTAMDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of requests and representations have been made to Government to shift the office of Salt Commissioner from Jodhpur to Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). Representations were received in the past for shifting the Office of Salt Commissioner from Jaipur to Ahmedabad. There is, however, no proposal at present to shift the office of the Salt Commissioner as the Regional Office of Salt Department at Ahmedabad is sufficient to cater to the needs of salt industry in that region.

**Introduction of Airbuses in Indian Airlines and Air India**

8669. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Airbuses introduced during 1989-90 by the Indian Airlines and Air India; and

(b) the number of Airbuses to be introduced during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) During 1989-90