

ous systems of medicine and their potential for contraception. We have given grants and are assisting the Council of Indigenous Systems of Medicines in Ayurvedic and Unani medicines. At the moment various plans and schemes were advanced but out of the plans which are advanced and the various claims made, only two sources, namely, 'Isapagin' which is a common laxative in Ayurveda, and another 'Isapgul' and another plant namely BANJAURI from Bihar have been established as being useful in controlling fertility.

SHRI A. CHARLES : What about further research?

MR. SPEAKER : That is all right now. Yes, Dr. Bhoi? But please do not try to make it an elaborate question. Put a very simple question, only on contraceptives.

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : In reply to one supplementaty the hon. Minister said that the samples of pregnancy vaccine will available in the market in the next few days and in the next supplementary he replied that it will take up to five or six months. I would like to know from the hon. Minister categorically what is the name of the vaccine, in which research laboratory these tests are going on and what are the types of animals, rabbits and others which are used and what is the percentage of success. At the same time in Ayurvedic and Unani medicines, till now has any progress been made?

MR. SPEAKER : Do not elaborate.

[*Translation*]

This was what I was afraid of; if you divert your question to birth control, it may give rise to other questions.

[*English*]

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : I want to know whether the hon. Minister and his Ministry would like to look to the problem,—I am simplifying—to give assistance to the research institutions in the country which are in the voluntary sectors and cumbersome procedure should be curtailed.

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR : The first prototype vaccine developed in New Delhi under the leadership of our eminent immunologist Dr. Talwar is Beta-sub unit of the HCG linked to tetanus toxoid and that is the name of the vaccine. We are trying to speed up the various trials for the introduction of the vaccine and the human trials are expected to start early in 1986.

As I said earlier, we have a scheme for promoting indigenous medicines and their potential for development of new methods of contraception.

MR. SPEAKER : Shrimati Jayanti Patnaik. Absent.

Shri Satyagopal Misra—Absent,

Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal.—Absent.

Shri Bholanath Sen—Absent.

Shrimati Kishori Sinha—Absent.

Shri K. Kunjambu.

Air-India Income on Gulf Sector

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*365. **SHRI K. KUNJAMBU :**
PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total income of Air-India on the Gulf-sector during 1985 ;

(b) how does it compare with the earnings from this sector last year ;

(c) whether Government have looked into the complaint of Gulf-passengers that the fare in that sector is very high ;

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard ; and

(e) the fare being charged in this sector by other airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) The operating revenue of Air India from

India-Gulf sector during the period January, 1985 to September, 1985 was Rs.253.52 crores ; during the corresponding period in 1984 it was Rs.233.11 crores.

(c) and (d) Some representations have been received regarding the fares on the India-Gulf sector. However, the fares being charged now are I.A.T.A./Government approved fares and all airlines, including Air India have to charge these fares.

(e) No definite information is available in this regard. However, it is a fact that some airlines do undercut the fares to increase their share of the market.

SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : How best is the fare in the Gulf sector compared with the other sectors where Air India is operating ?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : The airfare is controlled by IATA and all the airlines have to agree on this. There are certain airlines which are undercutting. But we are controlled by the IATA.

SARI K. KUNJAMBU : What are the main points in the representations received from the Gulf passengers and what steps have been taken by the Government in this regard ?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : We have not received any representation from the Gulf passengers.

SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : So many representations have been made.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : I am sorry to say that the Minister is not true to facts when he says that representations were not received. So many representations were given on the subject. I myself have written to the Government about this. The Trivendrum-Gulf sector is operated by Air India only. It is a monopoly of Air India. But you are charging from the Trivendrum-Gulf passengers the same amount as is charged from Gulf-Bombay-Trivendrum passengers whereas the distance and the time of flight in Trivendrum-Gulf sector is much less than in Gulf-Bombay-Trivendrum sector. So when they travel much

less distance, the time taken by the flight is much less, operational expenses of Air India are much less and when it is a monopoly affair of Air India, why Air India is charging more from Trivendrum-Gulf passengers? This anomaly has been pointed out to the Government many a time in the House and a number of representations have been made. These passengers are poor skilled workers who go for earning their livelihood...

MR. SPEAKER : Please put your question.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : I am pleading on behalf of thousands of poor passengers. Will the Minister examine this anomaly. Whether other sectors are making loss and the Trivendrum-Gulf sector is making profit and this profit is because you are overcharging them—charging much more than what you are charging in other sectors? When it is your monopoly, why do you charge more, why do you speak of IATA?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : All fares are controlled by IATA.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Here it is your monopoly.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Even then the fares are controlled by IATA.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Let them examine whether there is an anomaly.

MR. SPEAKER : No debate.

SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Sir, now that the international flights from Gulf countries are being extended to Hyderabad, does the Government expect higher income from the traffic to Gulf countries, and also what are the number of flights which they are expecting every week or proposing to have every week to Hyderabad? Will the hon. Minister think of extending it to at least four flights from Hyderabad every week?

MR. SPEAKER : How can he tell? You have to give another notice for this. He cannot just tell offhand how much will he get...

(Interruptions)

SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Or at least he should answer about extending it to at least four flights per week from Hyderabad... (*Interruptions*).

MR. SPEAKER : No, no. Are you prepared for that? I do not think so.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Sir, I would like to answer the hon. Member that we are starting an international flight to Hyderabad which is arriving at Hyderabad on the 20th early morning. If we get enough traffic, naturally we would like to increase the number of flights to Hyderabad.

SHRI T. BASHEER : Sir, the hon. Minister has said that the fares are decided by IATA. Actually, there have been complaints regarding the exorbitant fare hikes in Gulf sector, that is, from Trivendrum to Gulf countries. Recently, last month also, they have increased it further. I can give the figures also but since the time is not permitting, I am not doing so. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether IATA is unilaterally deciding these fares or they do it in consultation with the countries concerned.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : All the member countries sit together and they decide the fares.

SHRI T. BASHEER : In this case whether.....(*Interruptions*).

MR. SPEAKER : That is all right.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Sir, by what time does the Minister hope to declare Hyderabad Airport as an international airport? In case of indefinite delay, will the Minister be kindly able to explain the reasons and difficulties for the same?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : I had initially also said that we can start international flights from any airport in the country. There are only four international airports in our country, that is, Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. Since we are starting the international flight to Hyderabad on the 19th, that is the day

the international flights will start serving the international traffic.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : I put different question, Sir.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : You should be concerned with the substance rather than the source.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER :

Shri Srikanth Datta	— Absent
Shri Nityananda Mishra	— Absent
Shri Amar Roypradhan	— He has taken a leave of absence.
Shri Ananta Prasad Sethi	— Absent
Shri Jagannath Prasad	— Absent
Prof. Madhu Dandavate	— Absent
Shri Braja Mohan Mohanty	— Absent
Shri Shyam Lal Yadav	— Absent
Shrimati Geeta Mukherjee	— Absent
Shri Gurudas Kamat	— Absent
Dr. Chandra Shekhar Tripathi	— Absent
Shrimati Jayanti Patnaik	— Absent
Shri Satyagopal Misra	— Absent
Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal	— Absent
Shri Bholanath Sen	— Absent
Shrimati Kishori Sinha	— Absent
Shri Srikanth Datta	— Absent
Shri Nityananda Mishra	— Absent