

**News-item captioned "Indian Monkeys to U.S.S.R."**

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\*563. SHRI K. MALLANNA:

SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards a news-item appearing in the "Indian Express" dated 4th January, 1981 under the caption "Indian Monkeys for USSR."

(b) whether it is also a fact that on reports from ecologists, a ban was imposed on export of monkeys to foreign countries, if so, the reasons for revoking the ban now;

(c) the names and status of Soviet delegation and their Indian counterparts who signed the agreement for export of monkeys to USSR and their annual export and its adverse effect on their fast depleting population and steps taken to protect their extinction; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to re-impose the ban on export of monkeys; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A ban was imposed on export of monkeys in November 1977 and there is no proposal to revoke this ban.

(c) No agreement was concluded for export of monkeys to the USSR.

(d) Does not arise.

SHRI K. MALLANNA: In view of the answer given by the Hon. Minister that no agreement was concluded for the export of monkeys to the USSR, the presumption is that there was a discussion on this monkeys business, money export.

MR. SPEAKER: Don't treat the subject like monkeys business.

SHRI K. MALLANNA: I would like to know whether it came up for discussion by the two countries when Chairman Brezhnev visited India or at any other time? And if there was a ban, what was the reason for this ban?

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Sir, there is no monkey business in this matter, I can assure the hon. Member. But regarding the discussions when the two parties discuss all kinds of things are discussed, but the ban on the monkeys remained

SHRI K. MALLANNA: Sir, I put a specific question, what are the reasons for banning the export of monkeys?

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Sir, there was lot of resentment from the public against export of monkeys and as we know in this country we have a special respect and regard for the monkeys, therefore for sentimental reasons we had to do it.

SHRI K. MALLANNA: I would like to know from the hon. Minister, whether it is a fact that recently as there is ban on export of monkeys, these monkeys are being smuggled into neighbouring States like Bangladesh and Pakistan. From there, they will be sent to the United States, where some experiments are conducted.

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: I am sorry to say that I have no such information, nor have I any interest in their smuggling or experiments.

DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Is it a fact that the word 'monkey' often includes ape, langurs and baboons? Does the ban also pertain to ape and langurs, because some of the animals have been sent there for experimenting, for medical purposes i.e. to United Kingdom USSR and United States for experiments. We would like to know the clear position on this from the Minister.

**SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:**

After the ban was imposed, there have been no export of monkeys of any sort.

**श्री चतुर्गुप्त:** यहाँ पर बन्दरों के स्मगलिंग या निर्यात की बात कही गई है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार ने उनकी उपयोगिता के बारे में सोचा है। है।

**श्री खुशीच आलम खान :** हमने न निर्यात का सोचा है, न स्मगलिंग का सोचा है। जो स्मगल करते हैं, वे जानते।

**SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR:**

He has not given the reason. I do not know why the Russians have special love and affection for Indian monkeys. However, I would like to ask one question with reference to the ban. And the question is: whether it is not a fact that the immediate reason to ban the export of monkeys was that the monkeys exported to the United States were being secretly used by the American defence authorities to stave off the effect of radiation of atom bombs; and if so, whether a condition has been imposed in the trade agreement between 1981 and 1985, with the Russians. If not, why not and why is there a special treatment for the Russians?

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** My colleague has already explained that it is a banned item. And, therefore, we explained our position that we are not in a position to export monkeys to USSR. As to the question why they are taking place, it is known to the hon. Member that mainly, these are taken for medical experiments—and sometimes to serve zoological interests—but mainly for medical experiments.

**SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR:**

Can the US utilise these monkeys for these purposes? That is the main point.

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:**

When I have put a ban on exports, there is no question of discussion all these things. I am not exporting at all.

**Improvement in Civil Aviation during Sixth plan period**

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\*564. **SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:**

**SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT:**

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

(a) whether any plan outlay has been provided by Government to improve the Civil Aviation in the country during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) if so, the names of new cities which are likely to be brought on the air map of India during the Sixth Plan; and

(c) funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following new places have recently been brought on the air map. Kamalpur, Kailashahar, Rupsi, Barapani, Tezu and the following are proposed to be brought on the air map. passighat, Along, Zero, Daparijo; Cooch-Bihar, Itanagar, Aizwal, Sadiya and Gangtok. Apart from these, a new aerodrome is likely to be developed in Calicut in Kerala State.

(c) Rs. 153.50 crores.

**श्री राजेश कुमार सिंह:** मंत्री महोदय ने अपने उत्तर में उन स्थानों की सूची दी है, जिन्हें भारत के विमान-सेवा मानचित्र में शामिल किये जाने, या जहाँ पर एयर-पोर्ट बनाने, की योजना है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस सम्बन्ध में उन स्थानों को वरीयता देने का आधार तथा मापदण्ड क्या है: क्या यह कन्सिडर किया गया है कि वहाँ टूरिस्ट्स का आना-जाना ज्यादा था, या वहाँ आवागमन की दिक्कतें थी, या उनके बारे में राजनीतिक दबाव था, या