

(c) the details about the programme proposed to be launched by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c). Diversification of markets for export of iron ore, mica and other minerals is a continuing policy of the Government of India and continuous efforts are made in this direction.

**Cost of Snacks, Lunch, Dinner on IA Flights**

\*93. SHRI RATANSINH RAJDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how does the cost structure of snacks, lunch and dinner provided to passengers on Indian Airlines flights supplied by private agencies compare with the cost structure of Government agencies;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines have reviewed at a high level the criteria, quality, scale and adequacy of the snacks, lunch and dinner provided to passengers on Indian Airlines flights; and

(c) if so, what improvements in this regard are contemplated and by what time they will be effected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) The cost structure/prices of snacks, lunch and dinner supplied on Indian Airlines flights by the public sector and the private sector agencies are comparable with marginal differences.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Menu existing prior to 1-1-1982 has been improved and the quantity has

been increased from 445 gms to 505 gms. The Menus are constantly under review and consumer's suggestions are considered from time to time; currently the Menus are being reviewed afresh to bringing about more variety and improvement. In addition Indian Airlines has also introduced ice-cream in place of sweet dish in flights from Delhi and Bombay effective 15-9-1982 and 15-1-1983 respectively. Shortly the same arrangement will be introduced in flights from Calcutta and Madras.

To be answered on the 26th February, 1983. Export of Sugar

\*94. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA  
MADHUKAR:

SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export 6.5 lakh tonnes of sugar during the current calendar year;

(b) if so, the details of the countries to which the export is proposed to be made and at what rate;

(c) whether there is surplus production for export during the year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Government is yet to decide on the export quota for the current calendar year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The sugar production in 1982-83 season is estimated to be about 80 lakh tonnes. Together with a carry over stock of about 33 lakh tonnes the total availability is 113 lakh tonnes.