

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade is going to be entrusted with the responsibility of quality control of textile machinery;

(b) if so, the reasons for divesting the Textile Committee of this job;

(c) whether any cargo exported by India was rejected by the importing country in 1981-82 and 1982-83 on quality ground; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken by Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No case of rejection of textiles machinery on quality grounds exported by India after inspection and certification by the Textiles Committee during 1981-82 and 1982-83 has come to the notice of Government.

(d) Does not arise.

बम्बई और खजुराहो के बीच बरास्ता नागपुर विमान सेवा पुनः आरम्भ करना

\*469. श्रीमती विद्यावती चतुर्वेदी : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बम्बई और खजुराहो के बीच बरास्ता नागपुर कोई विमान सेवा आरम्भ की गई थी;

(ख) क्या अब इसे बन्द कर दिया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसे पुनः कब शुरू किए जाने की संभावना है?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुशीद आलम खान) : (क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) जी, हाँ। कम भार गुणक के कारण, इस सेवा को बन्द करना पड़ा था।

(ग) कम भार गुणक के संदर्भ में तथा पर्यटन यातायात मांग के अभाव में, इण्डियन एयरलाइन्स की फिलहाल इस सेवा को फिर से चालू करने की कोई योजनाएँ नहीं हैं।

Direct Air Service Between New Delhi and Saurashtra Region

\*470. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a great demand to start direct air service from any of the cities in Saurashtra Region to New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not starting the said service; and

(c) by when Government will consider to start it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yes Sir, There was a demand to start a direct air service from Rajkot to Delhi.

(b) and (c) In the last Winter Schedule 1982-83, Indian Airlines operated a HS-748 service on the Rajkot/Ahmedabad route, providing connections at Ahmedabad for passengers travelling from Rajkot to Delhi. However, as the passenger demand was very low (only about two passengers per flight), Indian Airlines had to discontinue this service. present, there are no plans to resume this service in the context of the poor traffic demand.