

such directions to Vayudoot Limited, so far.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

Global tenders for sale of A-320 Aircraft

174. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:
SHRI ATINDER PAL SINGH:
DR. Y. S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received any offer in response to the global tenders floated by the Indian Airlines for the sale of four new A-320s and the lease of grounded aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the final decision, if any, taken by Government with regard to these aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). As the matter is still under the consideration of the Indian Airlines, it is not considered appropriate to disclose commercial details at this juncture.

Closure of petrol/diesel pumps

175. SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK:
DR. A. K. PATEL:
SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:
SHRI YADVENDRA DUTT:
SHRI RAM SAJIWAN:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

SHRI N.C. SRIKANTAI AH:

SHRI KARIA MUNDA:

SHRI ERA ANBARASU:

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

SHRI V. SREENIVASAPRASAD:

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

SHRI NAKUL NAYAK:

SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA:

SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHAT:

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:

SHRI SUDHIR GIRI.

SHRI RAMLAL RAHI:

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:

SHRI KAMAL NATH:

SHRI P.C. THOMAS:

PROF. P.J. KURIEN:

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH:

SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH:

SHRI J. P. AGARWAL:

SHRI R. L. P. VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued instructions for closure of petrol pumps half day on Sundays and timings have also been fixed for opening and closing of petrol pumps on other days:

(b) if so, the reasons therefore and whether the scheme has achieved the desired results;

(c) whether arrangements have been made for making available petrol and diesel for the essential services;

(d) if so, the details thereof:

(e) whether instances of inconvenience to the public and of black-marketing of these products have come to the notice of Government after the introduction of these instructions;

(f) to what extent petrol and petroleum products have been saved so far after the introduction of the scheme;

(g) whether government have received representation against introduction of this scheme; and

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

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

(b) In view of the rapidly growing demand for Petroleum products and the difficult foreign exchange position, Government introduced several measures with a view to containing the demand for petroleum products and to create a climate of austerity. It is too early to assess the impact of these measures.

(c) No special arrangements have been made for essential services. The revised timings are uniformly applicable for all types of consumers.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) It is too early to indicate the impact of the measures adopted recently.

(g) and (h). Mixed reactions have been received. There are under examination.

Cancellation of Passenger Trains in South Central Railway

176. **SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether for the operations of the Goa Express and other superfast express trains on the south central railway, many passenger trains were cancelled or their timings were changed causing inconvenience to the rural people of the western Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to restore the passenger trains on the above sector and if so, when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, arrival/departure timings of five trains ranging from 2 minutes to 41 minutes and one train ranging from 1 hour 3 minutes to 1 hour 16 minutes have been changed at various stations on South Central Railway.

(c) Does not arise.

Decentralisation of Industries

177. **SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is over concentration of industries in developed areas in various states causing pollution, shortage of power, water, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes