

Inflight. First Class Duty to Air Hostesses

9774. SHRIPETERG. MARBANIANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the principles adopted by the Air India to allot first class duty inflight to Air Hostesses;

(b) whether the Air Hostesses coming from North Eastern Region are allotted first class inflight duty; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). Deputy Chief Air Hostesses and Senior Check Air Hostesses are normally allotted to work in first class/club class. Other Air Hostesses are also allotted first class duty by Inflight Supervisor on the basis of seniority and rotation when Deputy Chief Air Hostess/Senior Check Air Hostesses are not on board. The Air Hostesses from all parts of India too are allotted duty on this criteria.

[*Translation*]

Linking of Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga by Air

9775. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

connect Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga by air service;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). Due to shortage of aircraft capacity, Vayudoot has no plan to airlink Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga in the near future.

Prices of Life Saving Drugs

9775. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of antibiotics and other life saving drugs have increased during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details of increase in the price of each drug during the said period and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). The prices of certain drugs and formulations have gone up during the last three years as in the case of other essential commodities. However, the increase in the prices of controlled medicines is strictly based on the norms provided under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. A statement indicating the prices of certain antibiotic formulations as on date as well as their prices 2-3 years back are given below in the Statement.