

tour programme to attract more tourists has been a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There is no proposal for the loaning of Indian Airlines turbo prop planes to Vayudoot. The turbo-prop aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines are, however, being transferred to Vayudoot in phases. So far, 4 HS-748 and 3 F-27 aircraft have been transferred to Vayudoot.

(b) Yes, Sir.

SHRI MANIK REDDY: Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to know from the hon. Minister in what way the Vayudoot package programme has been a success. I want details from the hon. Minister.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, Vayudoot as such do not run any package tours. These are clubbed with the existing tours and the reports available with us indicate that it is more or less running successful, specially there is a Himalayan flight which is very popular.

SHRI MANIK REDDY: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal to introduce Vayudoot in any new place in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: There are various proposals before the Vayudoot. But it depends on the availability of aircrafts as well as availability of finance.

The list I have got with me is a very big list. I can lay it on the Table of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes.

(Interruptions)

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY: Sir, he did not answer about Andhra Pradesh.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: I will lay it on the Table of the House. There are

Andhra Pradesh and other States. I shall lay it on the Table.

[Translation]

SHRI MADAN PANDEY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, is the hon. Minister aware that due to the timings of the air services not being suitable, some of the services have become unsuccessful? If not, I would like to cite an example.

MR. SPEAKER: Just now a question was put on this subject and a decision was taken in this regard.

SHRI MADAN PANDEY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Vayudoot is involved in it. Vayudoot was operating services to Gorakhpur thrice a week and for the rest of the three days there was regular service. They changed its timings in such a manner that Vayudoot services were stopped. With a view to making the service to Gorakhpur unsuccessful, they have re-routed it via Allahabad. I do not know what sort of enmity they have got with us and what are the reasons behind this change. If at all anybody wants to go, his whole day goes waste from either side. Keeping all these points in view, will the hon. Minister please connect Gorakhpur with Vayudoot in case the aircrafts are not available for regular service?

MR. SPEAKER: It has no relation with this question.

[English]

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: It is not connected with this particular question.

EEC Aid for Operation Flood Programme

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*238. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN:
SHRI CHINTAMANI
JENA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Economic Community (EEC) is assisting the country for Operation Flood Programme;

(b) if so, the assistance extended during the last three years for the purpose;

(c) whether fresh assistance is expected to be made available during the current financial year in implementing Operation Flood Phase-III Programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF

AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d). A Statement is given below.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The European Economic Community (EEC) is assisting the country for Operation Flood Programme by providing food aid for generation of funds for the programme. The Commodity assistance received during last three years was as under:--

(Qty. in M.T.)

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87 (Provisional)
Skim Milk Powder (SMP)	48,969	9,516	5,859
Butter Oil (B.O.)	15,859	313	344
Butter	6,421	3,492	800
Edible Oil	497	1,000	--

(c) and (d). The EEC have approved food aid of 12,000 MT. S.M.P. and 4000 MT B.O. under 1987 programme.

SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: May I know from the hon. Minister the main objectives of the Operation Flood III project and the names of the States where it is going to be implemented?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Sir, the main objectives of the Operation Flood III Programme are: Consolidation of the gains already achieved, intensify the farmers' organisation work, enroll more members to the existing dairy cooperatives, organise more dairy cooperative societies, increase milk processing and marketing facilities etc. etc. These are the objectives of O.F. III and so far as the area is concerned, the O.F. II areas as well as new areas will be included under O.F. III.

SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Sir, the milk cooperative societies in Orissa are facing

great difficulties due to the rate prevailing in the society. It is higher in comparison to the rates available with the local milk men. So, I would like to know whether the Government will consider to enhance the rates of the milk products which are available in the cooperative societies.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Sir, the Government is revising the rates of raw milk being procured from farmers from time to time.

PROF. N.C. RANGA: What about announcement?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Announcement is being done from time to time.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: May I know from the hon. Minister whether our Government has now demanded for more assistance or the E.E.C. has reduced their assistance to us because in the Statement you will kindly see that for the last three

years their assistance is reduced every year. May I know whether the World Bank has expressed the desire to give assistance for this Programme to our country?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Sir, these are the gift commodities and on our request the E.E.C. is supplying these commodities to the National Dairy Development Board and earlier it was I.D.C., for generating money for the expansion of dairies in the cooperative sector. So it all depends upon the request and the availability there and the desire to give, and the grant given by them.

About the World Bank loan and EEC both, it depends upon our request and availability at their end. And they decide as to how much they have to give to us. We cannot dictate the terms to the donors. It is for the donors to decide how much and to what extent, our request can be acceded.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Was our demand not there or they have reduced the supply?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: They have not reduced it. It is according to our request.

SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Is it a fact that the food product supplied by F.C.C. had suffered from radiation? There was a news-item six months back that the powder supplied by EEC had suffered from radiation and it would not be better for us to distribute it. May I know, whether the Government has held any inquiry in this regard and if so, what arrangements have been made?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Yes, there were some news-items in the Press. It is because of the Chernobyl incident. The Butter Oil etc., which are received from EEC are subjected to test by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. Even then, there were some court cases and the matter is *sub judice*. It is still not decided. The consignment which is received is nearly 400 metric tonnes of butter. The unused portion is still lying. It is not distributed.

Operation of Foreign Chartered Fishing Trawlers

*239. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of experts has been constituted to advise on areas where foreign chartered fishing trawlers can operate; and

(b) if so, the composition and terms of reference of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). A Statement is given below.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Composition:

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| (1) | Dr. D. Sudarsan,
Deputy Director General,
Fishery Survey of India (FSI),
Bombay. | Chairman |
| (2) | Dr. V.S. Somvanshi,
Senior Fisheries Scientist,
FSI. | Member |
| (3) | Shri K.N.V. Nair,
Fisheries Scientist,
FSI. | Member |
| (4) | Shri E.M. John,
Fisheries Scientist,
FSI. | Member |
| (5) | Shri Antony Joseph,
Computer Programmer,
FSI. | Member |
| (6) | Shri T.E. Sivaprakasam,
Zonal Director,
FSI. | Member-
Convener |

Terms of Reference:

- (i) The spatial distribution of the