

(c) Upgradation of accommodation is being done for summer package tours of 1994. Services of the tour escort have been discontinued.

Boeing 747-400 Aircraft

4758. PROF. M. KAMSON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India has recently acquired a Boeing 747-400 aircraft; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with cost, seating capacity and other special features of the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The purchase price of the aircraft is US \$ 146.885 million, with a seating capacity of 417 passengers and having following features:

- (1) Sky Phone;
- (2) Multiple viewing channels;
- (3) Personal television for first class passengers;
- (4) Visual display of navigational data such as altitude, speed, geographical location of the aircraft etc.
- (5) Fuel efficient engines.

[Translation]

Recovery of Silver Brick and Drugs From the Air India Plane

4759. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SIARMA:
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:
SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
PROF. PREM DIIUMAL:
SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria):
SHRI RAM NAIK:
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI ATAL BIIHARI VAJPAYEE:
DR. VASANT PAWAR:
SHRI A. JAYAMOIHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggled drugs and silver worth lakhs of rupees were recovered from the Air India Jumbo Jet, a standby plane for Prime Minister during his visit to Bangkok and Dhaka in April, 1993.

(b) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in the matter;

(c) if so, the outcome of the enquiry; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir. Smuggled goods recovered from the plane on 30-3-93 were 36 Kgs of silver (consisting of 32.5 Kg of silver granules and 3.5 Kg of cylindrical silver bars) totally valued at Rs. 2,16,000. No drugs were recovered.,

(b) and (c) Seizure was effected unclaimed. No arrest has been made.

(d) Field formations have been alerted to remain vigilant.

[English]

Missing of Cheque and Demand Draft Books From Banks

4760. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of demand draft and cheque books of the public sector banks reported missing, stolen or untraceable during the last three years, bank-wise;

(b) the action taken in each case; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to fix the responsibility in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.