

**Import of National and Synthetic Rubber**

1834. SHRITHAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE

: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether rubber is being imported at present;

(b) if so, the total quantity of rubber imported and the foreign exchange spent thereon during 1993-94 and till-date;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the subsidy on rubber plantation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) quantity and value of rubber imported during 1993-94 and during April, and May, 1994 given below :-

	1993-94	
	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. Million)
Natural Rubber	18,832	535.73
Synthetic and Reclaimed Rubber	66,780	2860.27
	April and May 1994	
Natural Rubber	1,521	41.18
Synthetic Rubber	8,855	350.16

(c) and (d). The subsidy for new plantation and replantation has been increased from Rs.5000/- per hectare to Rs.8000/- per hectare. The additional financial assistance for the use of poly-bagged plants has also been enhanced from Rs.2700/- per hectare to Rs.3000/- per hectare. The above rates are effective from 1993-94 onwards. There is no proposal to effect any further increase in the above subsidies.

**New Flights of Indian Airlines**

1835. DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has introduced some new flights from January, 1994; and

(b) if so, routes on which these new flights have been introduced ?

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

(b) Indian Airlines have introduced

new services, effective Jan, 94. on the following routes:-

- i) Delhi- Ahmedabad- Muscat
- ii) Delhi-Sherjah-Kuwait
- iii) Madras- Kuala Lumpur- Singapore

Besides, Indian Airlines reintroduced its services on the following sectors w.e.f. 26th Jan, 1994:-

- I) Guwahati-Dibrugarh
- ii) Guwahati-Agartala
- iii) Guwahati-Silchar

#### **Conversion of Calcutta Airport Into A Modular Terminal**

1836. SHRI TARIT BARAN  
TOPDAR:  
DR.SUDHIR RAY:  
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :

Will the Minister of CIVIAL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Airport has the potential of becoming a transhipment centre for Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh besides Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the exporters of Eastern Region are demanding for modular terminal at the Calcutta Airport in view of growing traffic, both cargo ;and passenger, there;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government

thereto ?

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

(b) The International Airport at Calcutta is the nearest gateway airport for the neighbouring countries of Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh. As of date, considerable number of consignments meant for Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh are being cleared through Calcutta Airport.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The exporters of Eastern Region have been demanding augmentation; of infrastructural facilities at calcutta Airport through various fora such as Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO) ,Scope Air, etc.

( e) Plans are underway for further development of Integrated Cargo Terminal with suitable cargo handling facilities.

[*Translation*]

#### **Child Labour**

1837. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR :Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the children below the age of 14 years are made to work despite the Constitutional and legal provisions;

(b) if so, the number of such children and the legal action taken against those persons involved in the crimes of engaging child labour and making them bonded labour;

(c) whether the Government propose to prepare a scheme to eradicate the practice of child labour and bonded labour; and