

**Flights from Hyderabad to Saudi Arabia
and Declaring Hyderabad Airport
as International Airport**

4311. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY :
SHRI BEZAWADA PAPI
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Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether flights from Saudi Arabia to Hyderabad Airport and vice versa after their inauguration on 9 December, 1985 have become very popular;

(b) whether there are further demands for increasing the number of flights;

(c) whether in addition to passenger traffic, there is considerable export potential of leather goods, handloom fabrics, engineering goods, poultry, meat, fruits and vegetables to the gulf countries from Hyderabad Airport; and

(d) whether conversion of Hyderabad Airport into an international Airport is considered to be essential for improving and increasing commercial, social and political relations with the Gulf countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The average passenger load on Air India's flights between Jeddahs and Hyderabad has been 131 passengers per flight which is quite encouraging.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Potential exists for export of handloom fabrics, engineering goods, poultry, meat, fruits and vegetables to the gulf countries from Hyderabad.

(d) No, Sir.

Water Management System in Karnataka

4312. SHRI NARSING SURYA-
WANSHI ; Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government have proposed to launching a programme of action under the National Water Management Programme aimed at

plugging the numerous loopholes in the present water management system in the State; and

(b) if so, high-lights of actions aimed at ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The programme aims at improving performance of irrigation projects by suitable modifications in operation of the distribution system, certain improvements to the existing infrastructure like provision of control structures, rehabilitation of existing structures, lining of vulnerable reaches of the distribution system, improved communications and training in better water management of operations etc.

Admission of Women in Medical Colleges

4313. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of women being admitted to medical colleges of the country with reference to the total number of seats in these colleges ;

(b) whether the percentage of women candidates passing the basic medical qualification is the same as the percentage of entry :

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether there are dropouts during the period of study or training and if so, reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (d). The Medical Council of India has reported that as far as information is available with them, in the academic year 1984-85, 4006 women candidates were admitted in medical institutions in India against the 10818 admissions. The percentage of women candidates comes to 37.03 approximately.

With a few exceptions, all candidates men/women) admitted to medical colleges pass out after successfully completing the course of studies.