

(b) Does not arise.

Damage to Air India boeing by rats

3227. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK:
SHRI P.M. SAYEED:
SHRI V. SOBHANADREES-
WARA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air India Boeing 747 which had been kept as a "stand-by" for the Prime Minister during his visit to Moscow recently had to be grounded as some of its cables were eaten by rats;

(b) whether any inquiry, to fix the responsibility for negligence in the maintenance of the aircraft has been constituted;

(c) if so, the result of the inquiry; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to avoid similar incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):
(a) to (d). Yes, Sir.

One Boeing 747 aircraft was kept as stand-by for the VVIP flight. After the aircraft was released from standby status to operate as a regular flight, it was found that certain wires were damaged by rodents which entered the aircraft during the 4 days when it was isolated as a stand-by.

Investigations have revealed that rodents can enter aircrafts through food carts/cargo containers/step ladders, etc. and there is no foolproof system to completely eliminate their entry. As a precautionary measure Air India fumigates all aircraft used in scheduled flights, but in view of the incident it has been decided to fumigate ~~standby~~ aircraft as well. Experts are being consulted in the field of pest control to advise on more effective measures to prevent such incidents.

Ban on broadcasting of songs of film 'Kalyug aur Ramayan'

3228. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Radio have put a ban on broadcast of three songs from the film 'Kalyug Aur Ramayan'; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The three songs from the film 'Kalyug Aur Ramayan' submitted to All India Radio as 'Kalyug Ki Ramayan' were not approved for broadcast by the Screening Committee as the songs contravened the AIR code.

[*Translation*]

Grants to Agricultural Universities

3229. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research for giving grants for opening agricultural colleges to various States;

(b) whether any change in policy is envisaged, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the grant paid to agricultural colleges and Universities since 1986, year and university-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of agriculture scientists in the country and if so, the grounds on which Indian Council of Agricultural Research refuses grant to States for opening new agricultural universities and colleges;

(e) whether ICAR propose to enhance the grants, if so, the details thereof, university-wise; and