

**Ban on Export of Haldi**

854. SHRI BHAUSAHEB THORAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for high price of Haldi so suddenly in Maharashtra; and

(b) whether he intends to assure the House to stop the export of this commodity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL): (a) Rise in the prices of Haldi in Maharashtra has been on account of fall in the production of Haldi in the country in 1976-77, reduced carry-over stock in the beginning of 1977-78, higher demand from Northern and Eastern States and seasonality factor.

(b) Government has already banned the export of Haldi with effect from January 4, 1978 except "ALLEPPEY FINGER" turmeric variety which is allowed to be exported within a limited ceiling.

**Overhauling of IA Air Buses and Boeing Engines in India**

855. SHRI K. N. DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has decided to make its own arrangements to overhaul Boeing 737 engines and air buses;

(b) whether the Indian airlines and/or Union Government have come to any decision where these additional workload is to be provided;

(c) is it a fact that Calcutta base till 1967 was considered to be the biggest engineering establishment of Indian Airlines;

(d) is it a fact that even when Calcutta base had the means and the men to match with increasing work-load, with every introduction of new aircrafts in the airlines fleet, the workload to meet the shop capacities at Calcutta base went on gradual reduction; and

(e) is it a fact that this process of reduction of workload at the Calcutta base has threatened its very existence in spite of having such intelligent talented and technically skilled work force?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b). Not yet.

(c) Yes, Sir. For F. 27 Aircraft.

(d) No doubt with the reduction in F-27 fleet of Indian Airlines, the workload at Calcutta came down. However, the resultant spare capacity was utilised by transfer of work from other regions. Work load of other types of aircraft has also been allotted to Calcutta.

(e) No, Sir. The spare capacity has not only been utilised, there has been further augmentation of staff and facilities.

**Reduction in Purchase of Tobacco by STC**

856. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered purchase of Beedi Tobacco through the State Trading Corporation; and

(b) if so, the quantity to be purchased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) and (b). The National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Ltd., have been asked to purchase 25,000 tonnes of non-virginia tobacco, including bidi tobacco.

**लाख का उचित मूल्य**

857. श्री लक्ष्मणराव मानकर : क्या वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक प्रति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या महाराष्ट्र में भंडारा और चांदा जिलों में और मध्य प्रदेश के लाख बनाने वाले जनजाति क्षेत्रों में इस कार्य में लगे लोगों को लाख का उचित मूल्य नहीं मिलता है जिससे लाख का उत्पादन घट रहा है; और