

good throughout the day. Flight No. IC-123 (Bombay-Ahmedabad-Udaipur-Jodhpur-Delhi) was delayed by 2 hours due to non-availability of aircraft. On this flight, there were 12 passengers for Udaipur and 10 for Ahmedabad. The decision to overfly Ahmedabad was taken as there are no night landing facilities at Udaipur and in case Ahmedabad was not over-flown, there would have been no means for transporting Udaipur bound passengers. Ahmedabad bound passengers were accommodated on IC-103 operated later the same day at 12.35 hours.

Tourist centres and Janata Hotels in Arunachal Pradesh

5582. SHRI R. K. KHRIME: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to start tourist centres including opening of Janta Hotels in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, number of tourist centres to be developed and Janata Hotels to be opened; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) to (c). The question of developing tourist centres in Arunachal Pradesh in the Central Sector will be considered when entry-restrictions on tourists for visiting Arunachal Pradesh are relaxed.

Export of Thread

5583. DR. P. V. PERIASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study team sponsored by the Cotton Textile Export

Promotion Council to explore the West Europe Market for larger sale of thread has been able to establish new markets in Dusseldorf, Brussels, Vienna, Zurich and Paris; and

(b) if so, the anticipated increase in the export of thread?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BAIG): (a) The findings of the study team reveal that there is a definite possibility and scope for marketing Indian Sewing Thread principally in Dusseldorf and Brussels. At Vienna, Zurich and Paris also the buyers met the study team and there was spontaneous interest. As such, these markets also cannot be ruled out.

(b) The interest generated during the visit has to be followed up by negotiations before the anticipated increase can be quantified.

Indifferent treatment by public sector Banks to priority sector

5584. SHRI BHANU KUMAR SHASTRI: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the priority sector agriculture in particular, continues to get indifferent treatment at the hand of public sector banks in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this step-motherly treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQUARULLAH): (a) No, Sir. The table below indicates that in the total public Sector Bank advances outstanding covering all sectors,