

CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department, in consultation with the State Govt., has prepared a Master Plan for Bodh Gaya for the provision of various facilities. In addition, a special train called "The Great Indian Rover" is shortly being introduced for the convenience of tourists visiting places of Buddhist interest in Bihar including Bodh Gaya. This train with accommodation for 126 tourists will be like a hotel on wheels catering to various places of Buddhist interest.

Steps proposed for reducing congestion at Delhi and Bombay Airports

4571. **SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the congestion at the Airports, specially at Delhi and Bombay Airports; and

(b) the steps proposed to reduce the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes Sir. Due to night landing and take off restrictions imposed on airlines in Europe and Far East and the geographical location of India the international flights have perforce to pass through India during the early hours of the morning resulting in congestion at Delhi and Bombay Airports.

(b) At Bombay Phase II of Terminal II with an annual capacity of 2.5 million passengers is being constructed and is likely to be completed by 1985. At Delhi a new international terminal with a capacity of 3.5 million passengers per annum is being built and is expected to be ready for use by the end of 1985.

Relaxation of restrictions by France for imports from India

4572. **SHRI B. V. DESAI:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that France has decided to relax restrictions on the import of certain Indian articles;

(b) if so, whether India has prepared a list of such commodities that find difficulties in entering into the French markets;

(c) whether the list was prepared at the instance of the French Government following the recent visit of French President; and

(d) what assistance from France, India is likely to receive and what are the fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA):

(a) to (d) Government have no knowledge regarding relaxation of restrictions on import from India of certain items by France. However, the question of India's adverse balance of trade has been taken up with France at the time of the last meeting of Indo-French Joint Committee on Economic & Technical Cooperation which held its sessions in Delhi during October, 1982 and again during the visit of President Mitterand of France to New Delhi in November 82. The French authorities were requested to send a Purchase mission to India to identify different sectors in which France could look to India as a source of supply. A 12 member delegation of senior officials of major French Companies visited New Delhi and Bombay in January, 1983 and held discussions with Indian counterparts. They also visited the Indian Engineering Trade Fair. The report of the Mission is awaited. It is hoped that as a result of the visit of this team, further sectoral visits from France will take place to locate partners in India for supply of goods needed for the French market.