

Complaints by Certain Commercial Circles in South Against Indian Airlines for Delay in Transport of Cargo

5217. SHRI N. K. SANGHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain commercial circles in the South have complained against the Indian Airlines for delay in transport of cargo;

(b) whether air service in South is inadequate to meet the needs of passengers and freight;

(c) if so, whether due to inadequacy, the passenger and cargo are being diverted to other sources of transportation, thus depriving the Indian Airlines of its revenue; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve this situation?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) No such complaint appears to have been received.

(b) Due to the current very tight fleet position of Indian Airlines, the capacity provided for the Southern Region is at present below requirements.

(c) Some diversion of traffic has perhaps taken place due to shortage of capacity in Indian Airlines.

(d) Service in the Southern Region will be strengthened as soon as the fleet position improves.

Problems before Exporters of Jute Goods

5218. SHRI N. K. SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from the Indian Jute Mills Association and the West Bengal Government regarding various problems facing exporters of jute goods;

(b) whether the export of jute goods has been on the decline during the last three years due to stiff competition in the international market and accumulation of stocks; and

(c) if so, the grievances put forward by them and the remedial measures taken to redress the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The main reasons attributed to the decline in the export of Jute Goods from India are uncompetitive-ness of jute products vis a vis synthetics. The remedial measures taken in this regard are research and development activities for cost reduction diversification of jute goods. Besides, the Government have given relief by way of reduction of export duties on jute goods recently.

Amount Ear-Marked for Development of Tourism in Dadra and Nagar Haveli Area During 1973-74

5219. SHRI RAMUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the amount ear-marked for the development of tourism in Dadra and Nagar Haveli area during 1973-74?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): No funds have been ear-marked in the Central sector for the development of tourism in Dadra and Nagar Haveli during 1973-74.

Advances made by Reserve Bank of India and other Institutions to Different Regions

5220. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise break up of the figures of the deposits and advance figures of the deposits and advances