

**Airlifting of Export Goods**

1882. SHRI J.P. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a recent problem of airlifting of export goods from Delhi and other airports in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of long term measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The Open Sky Policy has been placed on a permanent basis to facilitate foreign carriers to plan their operations on a long term basis.

(ii) The freight rates to be determined by the demand and supply situation.

(iii) Abolishing of mandatory rates to attract larger freighter capacity.

(iv) In the fleet acquisition programme of Air India, preference is being given to combi-aircraft.

(v) Air India has been instructed to convert its old B 747 passenger aircraft into freighters when new aircraft become available.

(vi) Favourable consideration to foreign carriers for passenger terminator frequencies for combi aircraft.

(vii) Explore possibilities of a shuttle service to Gulf to optimise avail-

able freighter capacity with Air India.

**A.I. Flight from Hyderabad to Foreign Countries**

1883. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flights undertaken by the Air India from Hyderabad to foreign countries at present;

(b) whether the flights are sufficient to meet the growing traffic;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to increase the flights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Two weekly international flights are being operated by Air India at present from Hyderabad to Jeddah.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

**Exports of Maruti Cars to Hungary**

1884. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether more Maruti cars are being exported to Hungary as has been reported in Sunday Mail of 10 June, 1990;

(b) whether exports are being done despite financial losses involved and heavy component of parts imported against the hard currency; and