

(c) the quantity of natural rubber imported during 1989 and the first six months of 1990: and

(d) the total quantity of natural rubber proposed to be imported during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) The total quantity of natural rubber released by STC to the actual users during the first six months of 1990 and the corresponding figures for the first six months of 1989 are 27,000 MT and 20,000 MT (including 4,279 MT of domestic rubber) respectively.

(c) The quantity of natural rubber imported during 1989 and the first six months of 1990 are 27,005 MT and 30,000 MT respectively.

(d) The total quantity of natural rubber proposed to be imported during 1990-91 is 40,000 MT. But the entire quantity may not be released which depends upon the market situation from time to time.

New Schemes for Air Travel Facility to Promote Tourism

1553. **SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has proposed any new schemes for providing air travel facilities to promote tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there have been many cancellation of tickets under tourism promotion schemes this year and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have introduced Multi entry Visa system for tourists; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER

OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) and (b) Air India has been promoting India practically since the inception of its international services and works closely with the Dept. of Tourism and Travel Industry in India. This has been an on going process. Air India has been offering special promotional fares from most tourism generating areas and other special packages for promotion of tourism like Stopover Tours etc. Special Schemes have also been launched along with Department of Tourism to promote traffic to India, for example Off-Season Promotion, Special Destination Promotions, Familiarisation Tours etc.

(c) During the period April/June 1990, Air India Offices in Germany, France and Japan have reported several cancellations of inbound tourist groups. The total estimated loss during this period in terms of passenger numbers is 4250.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Visa rules have been liberalised to issue multiple entry visa valid for duration of 5 years to foreign travel agents and foreign tourists visiting India frequently and also foreign businessmen coming to India to establish industrial/business ventures. On each visit, foreign tourists and travel agents would be entitled to stay for a duration not exceeding six months. These facilities are not applicable to Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lankan nationals.

Harassment to Women Employees of Air Ahmedabad

1554. **SHRI BALVANT MANVAR:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the employees of All India Radio, Ahmedabad regarding harassment faced by women employees; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND