

[English]

**Announcements on flights in Regional Languages**

6196. SHRI R. MUTHIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make announcements on the flights in the regional languages from where they take off along with the present practice of announcing through English and Hindi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). In so far as Air India is concerned, on board the flights, apart from English and Hindi pre-recorded announcements in certain regional languages, namely, in Tamil on Madras-Singapore-Kuala Lumpur-Madras sector and in Malayalam on Gulf-Trivandrum-Gulf sector are made. As regards Indian airlines and Vayudoot, cabin crew are deployed on board the flights on all India basis, and, therefore, it is not practicable to make inflight announcement in regional languages apart from English and Hindi.

[Translation]

**Allocation of Kerosene to Uttar Pradesh**

6197. SHRI RAMPRASAD CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI HARSH VARDHAN:  
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of kerosene allocated to Uttar Pradesh during 1988-89 and 1989-90 separately;

(b) whether this quota is sufficient to meet the requirement of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to increase the supply of Kerosene to the State; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The Quantity of Kerosene allocated to Uttar Pradesh during 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 8,27,279 tonnes and 8,90,850 tonnes respectively.

(b) to (d). The Kerosene requirements of States and UTs including U.P. are assessed by allowing a suitable growth rate over the allocations made in the previous year, and allocations are made accordingly. Besides the regular allocations, adhoc releases are also made to meet situations like flood, drought, shortage of LPG etc.

The allocation of Kerosene to U.P., in accordance with the existing policy is considered adequate to meet the needs of genuine consumers. Kerosene is a deficit product and about one third of the total requirements are met by imports. In view of the foreign exchange constraints there is no proposal to increase allocations for U.P. over and above the normal growth being allowed to all States/UTs.

[English]

**Prices of Iodised Salt**

6198. DR. VENKATESH KABDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have issued instructions to maintain prices of iodised salt within reasonable limits;