

(c) The cyclical fluctuations in production, exports and prices are part of the dynamics of the development process. There are indications that in the second half of the current financial year industrial and export growths are likely to stabilise and improve.

Long pending demand of linking Bombay, M.P., Bihar and Orissa by flights

1117. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a long pending demand of a daily flight on Bombay-Jabalpur-Patna-Raipur-Bhubaneswar route linking thereby Bombay with Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Orissa;

(b) if so, whether any feasibility of survey was undertaken or being undertaken to meet the growing demand from the passengers; and

(c) if so, by when such flight is likely to be introduced and if not, the limitation thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines is already operating thrice a week A 320 service on the sector Mumbai-Patna-Ranchi-Calcutta and return. They have no plans to operate on Mumbai-Jabalpur-Patna-Raipur-Bhubaneswar route, at present, due to operational/commercial constraints. However, Private Operators are being encouraged to start services to these stations.

Private Agencies' Proposal to set up Hospitals and Medical Colleges in Orissa

1118. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private agencies

have informed Government of their intention to participate in Government's programmes to set up major hospitals and medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, whether any private agency has submitted any project/proposal before Government to set up major hospital in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the places identified for the purpose and other details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Private agencies do establish hospitals and Medical Colleges for which they have to seek permission as laid down by the State in respect of hospitals and as contained in the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 1993 in the case of medical colleges. The cases of foreign investors is determined by the procedures of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board.

(b) and (c) Two proposals of NRIs for setting up hospitals at Bhubaneswar have been approved. These proposals are from M/s. Kalinga Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Puri at the cost of Rs. 650.00 lakhs and M/s. Orissa Heart Institute at the cost of Rs. 300.00 lakhs, respectively.

Dubbing of Mega serials into other Indian Languages

1119. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial portion of our population are non-Hindi speaking people; and

(b) if so, whether he will direct the Doordarshan officials to dub the mega serials into other important Indian languages also?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND