

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to centralize training programme of the air hostesses to cut costs and increase efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Indian Airlines is operating on 16 international routes.

(b) The number of air hostesses in Indian Airlines and Air India is 497 and 903 respectively.

(c) No, Sir. The training requirements of the air hostesses in the two airlines are not identical.

Indian antiques for the Festival of India

1052. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: DR. BAPPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to send Indian antiques to America and France in connection with the Festival of India;

(b) whether the antiques are proposed to be shipped to France and America for Festival of India which is likely to entail risks;

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the decision to send antiques out of the country for the Festival of India; and

(d) whether Government are aware that our antique[^] are stolen and smuggled out of the country by the highly organised international antique smugglers and sold in the market at high prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government have approved the proposal to send some Indian antiques to U.S.A. and France in connection with the Festival of India.

(b) Arrangements for shipping of the art objects are being made in accordance with the internationally followed procedures and precautions in terms of packing, transport, insurance and security are being strictly observed.

(c) In view of answer to (b) question does not arise.

(d) Few such cases have come to light.

Purchase of old equipments by Bombay Dyeing etc.

1053. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indian firms including Bombay Dyeing have been purchasing old, dilapidated equipment from overseas for DMT etc.; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Tetrapak machines and equipment imported are also of the same category as referred to part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Controversy on silicon technology

1054. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the controversy