

tors of automotive industry, electronics, communications, industrial machinery and bicycle, and bicycles components, some of the participants were interested in various other sectors also. As a result of the Conference, exploratory negotiations for collaborations were started in a number of cases but it is too early to say how many of these will result in concrete collaborations.

Concentration of Pakistan armed forces near the Indian borders

*39. SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR
SAHU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report published in the Times of India' dated the 14th December, 1982 wherein it was mentioned that Pakistan President in a T.V. interview admitted that 50 per cent of big country's armed forces were placed near the Indian borders; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken adequate measures accordingly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government have seen this press report which quotes the Pakistani President as "having admitted to 80 per cent of his country's armed divisions being placed near the Indian borders.

(b) Government continuously monitor all developments affecting the country's security and initiate appropriate measures to maintain full defence preparedness at all times.

Export of coffee

*40. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per the new International Coffee Agreement India's quota has been set at a*

38,551 tonnes for 1982-83 as against 54,976 tonnes in the previous year; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to diversify the markets?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) "Steps have been taken for increased coffee exports to non-quota countries.

Daily flight from Delhi to Bhubaneswar

167. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide daily flight from Delhi to Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of airfield at Jammu

168. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the airfield at Jammu has been widened for landing of Boeing aircraft;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while inaugurating the airfield, he had assured that the aerodrome will be expanded for landing of Airbus on its flight from Delhi to Srinagar; and

(c) "if so, by when Airbus service is likely to start landing at Jammu airfield on its flight from Delhi to Srinagar?"

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) The existing runway at Jammu aerodrome has been extended to 6000 feet and strengthened to LCN-40 for regular Boeing 737 operations.

(b) There is no such assurance on record.

(c) At present there are no plans to operate an airbus service to Jammu.

Vayudoot Service in Maharashtra

169. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the details of progress so far made to introduce Vayudoot Services for connecting different parts of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN): Subject to availability of aircraft and development of infrastructural facilities, Nanded has been included in the future plan of Vayudoot.

Late runnings of I.A. flights

170. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL:

SHRI SADASHIV BAGAITKAR:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN
REDDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian Airlines flights which took off during June, 1982 to December, 1982 and how many of them were late;

(b) what are the causes of delays in respect of flights from Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, on account

of weather, mechanical failure, and accidents on runways; and

(c) what steps have been taken to run the services in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) The number of take offs by Indian Airlines during June—December, 1982 was 53994. Out of these 2793 take-offs were delayed.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Delays on account of inclement weather, which is the cause of maximum delays, are beyond the control of Indian Airlines. The Corporation constantly endeavours to keep the delays on account of commercial, engineering and operational reasons to the minimum by maintaining effective control and supervision.

Passengers and International Cargo handled at the International Airports

171. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the number of international and domestic passengers and the tonnage of international cargo handled at the Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta and Madras Airports, separately during the years 1981 and 1982?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN): The number of international and domestic passengers handled is as under: