

Operation of IC flights via Bagdogra

172. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to operate I. C. flights Nos. 489/490 via Bagdogra daily; and

(b) if so, by when this is likely to be operative?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Extension of service to four days in a week is under consideration.

(b) The question of providing Bagdogra with a daily service from Delhi will be given consideration once additional B-737 aircraft are received by Indian Airlines.

Operation of Vayudoot between Calcutta and Cooch Behar etc.

173. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY:

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

(a) whether Government have recently received representations for operation of Vayudoot to connect Calcutta with four districts of North Bengal viz., Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, West Dinajpur and Malda;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have so far taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Representations for operation of Vayudoot services to connect Calcutta with the four districts of North Bengal, viz., Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, Dinajpur and Malda have been received.

(c) No decision has yet been taken by Government regarding the places to be served by Vayudoot as and when the Vayudoot services are extended to other parts of the country.

Purchase of raw jute by the Jute Corporation of India

174. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of raw jute purchased so far by the Jute Corporation of India in the jute growing States and the Union Territories during 1981-82; and

(b) what prices have been paid for such purchases area-wise and variety-wise, and what is the number of beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN):

(a) and (b) The requisite information for the new jute year 1981-82, beginning from 1st July, 1981 till 8th