## RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 21st February, 1978/the 2nd Phalguna, 1899 (Saka):

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 1. But Question No. 12 is also the same, so that we can take them up together.

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK: They are not same, but similar.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Similar; therefore, I said that both of them can be taken up together.

## Flights to Port Blair

\*1. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY:

SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN:† SHRI LALBUAIA:

SHRI JAGAN NATH BHARDWAJ:

SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI:

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

- (a) whether Government are aware that the bi-weekly air service on Tuesdays and Thursdays between Calcutta and Port Blair has been found to be very inconvenient by the passengers travelling to and from Port Blair;
- (b) what were the considerations for having the air service on Tuesdays and Thursdays only;
- (c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for changing the days of the service to Tuesday and Friday; and
- (b) if so, by when the change is likely to be effected?

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- पर्यटन ग्रोर नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री-पुरुषोत्तम कौशिक) : (क) मरकार के पास रिकॉर्ड पर ऐसी कोई चीज नही है जिससे पता चलता हो कि यादा करने वाले यादियों को कोई ग्रमुविधा हुई हो ।
- (ख) ऐसा विमान वेड़े का स्रधिकतम उपयोग करने एवं ग्रन्य सैक्टरों पर परिचालन करने वाले विमानों की श्रपेक्षाश्रों को दृष्टि में रखने हुए तथा ग्रंदमान प्रशासन से परामशं करके किया गया था
  - (ग) जी, हां।
- (घ) 1 अप्रैल, 1978 से परिचालन के दिनों को बदल कर मंगलवार तथा शुक्रवार कर दिया जायेगा।
- †[THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) There is nothing on record with Government to show that the travelling passengers were inconvenienced.
- (b) This Was done keeping in view the maximum utilisation of the fleet, requirements of aircraft operating other sectors and in consultation with Andamans Administration.
  - (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Days of operation will be changed to Tuesdays and Fridays effective 1st April, 1978.]

## Port Blair-Car Nicobar-Madras air service

\*12. SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD DIN:†
SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY:

SHRI LALBUAIA:

SHRI JAGAN NATH BHAR-DWAJ:

SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI:

†[ ] English translation

<sup>†</sup>The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Syed Nizam-ud-Din.