

Foreign air hostesses with the Air India and the Indian Airlines

*738. SHRI M. KADERSHAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of air hostesses of foreign nationalities, nationality-wise, serving in the Air-India and the Indian Airlines, respectively; and

(b) what are the reasons for employing foreign nationals as air hostesses?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Foreign nationals are employed as air hostesses because their knowledge of foreign languages stands them in good stead in looking after foreign nationals who do not know English or Indian languages. Besides, all international airlines employ hostesses of foreign nationalities. Similarly, Indians are employed as air hostesses by foreign airlines also.

Statement

AIR-INDIA—

Air-India have a total of thirty air hostesses of foreign nationality. Out hostesses and thirteen Japanese air hostesses and thirteen Japanese air hostesses. Break-up of the European hostesses is as under:—

Nationality	No. of air hostesses
<i>European</i>	
Finnish	1
French	1
Austrian	1
American	1
British	2
Swiss	2
Czech	2
German	3
Italian	4
TOTAL	17

INDIAN AIRLINES—

There is no air hostess of foreign nationality in Indian Airlines.

Bonus by L.I.C. on Policies

*739. SHRI GOVINDRAO RAM-CHANDRA MHAISEKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise the rates of bonus given to L.I.C. policyholders; and

(b) whether Government also propose to revise the rates of levy pre-mia on policies in view of the fact that life expectancy has risen from an average of 27 to 55 years in India, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) No Sir. Bonuses to holders of life insurance policies are declared at periodical actuarial valuations. On the basis of its latest biennial valuation as at 31-3-1977, the Life Insurance Corporation has only recently declared bonus of Rs. 25 per thousand sum assured per annum on whole life policies and Rs. 20 per thousand sum assured per annum on endowment policies, as against the earlier bonus declarations of Rs. 22.00 and Rs. 17.60 respectively.

(b) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the LIC to reduce premium rates. Premium rates under various without profit plans of assurances were reduced from time to time during the years 1970 to 1976. In the case of with-profit policies it is customary not to make frequent changes in the premium rates but to give effect to the experience in bonus declarations.

India investment Centre

*740. SHRI KALP NATH RAI:
SHRI CHARANJIT
CHANNA; SHRI
KHURSHED ALAM
KHAN; SHRI BHISHMA
NARAIN
SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of the India Investment Centre in converting the

flow of foreign exchange from Indian settlers abroad into investment; and

(b) whether Government have evaluated the work done by the various Centres of the India Investment Centre abroad?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) The role of Indian Investment Centre in relation to investment in India is promotional and advisory.

(by A Study of the working of the Indian Investment Centre was undertaken recently and it was found that it has been fulfilling the objectives which Government had in view in setting it up.

Air Route Surveillance Radar at Nangloi

*741. SHRI NARASINGHA PRASAD
NANDA; SHRI
HARSH DEO
MALAVIYA; SHRI
NRIPATI RANJAN
CHOUDHURY;

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 291 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th November, 1977 and state the amount paid to the air conditioning firm for providing a matching condenser for improving the functioning of the air-conditioning equipment for the Air Route Surveillance Radar at Nangloi?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): The condensers form an integral part of the air-conditioning plant and the cost of the condensers has not been separately reflected in the contract placed on the firm entrusted with air-conditioning of the Air Route Surveillance Radar building at Nangloi. The condensers fitted by the firm in the air-conditioning plant were found to be unsatisfactory and the firm replaced those condensers without any additional charge.

नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में हिन्दी टंकण यंत्र

*742. डा० लोकेश चन्द्र : क्या वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले 3 वर्षों के दौरान नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में हिन्दी के उत्तरोत्तर प्रयोग के लिए कितने हिन्दी टंकण यंत्रों की आवश्यकता रही ;

(ख) मंत्रालय में इस समय कितने हिन्दी टंकण यंत्र विद्यमान हैं ; और

(ग) शेष हिन्दी टंकण यंत्रों के कब तक प्राप्त किये जाने की संभावना है ?

Hindi typewriters in the Ministry of Civil Supplies and Cooperation

*742. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindi typewriters required for the progressive use of Hindi in the Ministry of Civil Supplies and Cooperation during the last three years;

(b) the number of existing Hindi typewriters in the Ministry; and

(c) by when the remaining Hindi typewriters are likely to be procured?

वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कृष्ण कुमार गोयल) : (क) और (ख) नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता विभाग 11 अक्टूबर 1974 को बना था। 9 अगस्त, 1976 को इसे एक अलग मंत्रालय बनाया गया। भूतपूर्व नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता विभाग को भूतपूर्व सामुदायिक विकास और सहकारिता विभाग से अपने हिस्से

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