

(iii) A surcharge be levied on all night landings at Bombay airport; **and**

(iv) Development of Trivandrum airport to be undertaken to divert Gulf traffic to the maximum possible extent.

I.A. service between Bombay and Kolhapur

202. SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI :
SHRI T. BASHEER;
SHRIMATI USHI KHAN;
SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state **whether** there is any proposal under Government's consideration to operate an Indian Airline, service between Bombay and Kolhapur; if so, by when the service is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURU-SHOTTAM KAUSHIK): Indian Airlines have no proposal/plan at present to operate air services between Bombay and Kolhapur.

Export of Onions

203. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the adverse comments made by the Members of Parliament, onion growers and traders regarding ad hoc methods adopted by the NAFED in the purchase of onion for export;

(b) whether Government have taken any action on the complaints of the growers about the abnormal fall in prices of cash crop and vegetables due to ad hoc policies of Government to ban exports; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to **help** the growers to get better prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have allowed export of onions through NAFED without any quantitative restrictions. Support price measures are in operation in respect of oil seeds like groundnut, mustard, soya bean and sun-flower seed. Under directions, from the Central Government, NAFED made large scale purchases of onions since December, 1977. Instructions have been issued for procurement on Government account of 10,000 tonnes of Virginia Tobacco through STC and TISCO tonnes faw-Virginia tonnes-through NAFED to provide relief to the growers. Agricultural Prices Commission have been asked to recommend remunerative prices of onions and potatoes.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table. Mr. H. M. Patel.

Annual Report (1977) on the Working of the Deposit Insurance Corporation, Bombay and Related Papers.

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THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (2) of section 32 of the Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, 1961, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Sixteenth Annual Report on the working of the Deposit Insurance Corporation, Bombay, for the year, ended the 1st December, 1977, together with the audited Accounts. [Placed in Library. See No. LT.-2200/78].

श्री बुद्ध प्रिय मौर्य : श्रीमान, व्यवस्था का प्रश्न आपके ऊपर ही है।