

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) and (b) Based on provisional data the trade deficit during 1977-78 was Rs. 580 crores. Exports experienced a slower growth as a result of a combination of factors such as adoption of protectionism by developed countries, recessionary situation in the world economy, instability in the exchange rate of dollar, low unit value realisation in the case of certain products and also government's deliberate policy of restricting the exports of mass consumption items so as to subserve internal needs. The liberalised import policy also contributed to increase in imports.

I. A. flights via Muzaffarpur

614. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to put Muzaffarpur on the air map of India; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the flights 1C, 412 and 411 of the Indian Airlines are proposed to be diverted via Muzaffarpur?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Ban on export of monkeys

615. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU:

SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item

published in the Hindustan Times, dated the 27th May, 1978 under the heading "Indian ban on monkey export irks U.S.";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to lift the ban; and

(d) what is the amount of foreign exchange earned by the export of monkeys during the three years preceding the imposition of the ban, year-wise?

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

(b) A ban has been imposed on the export of all varieties of monkeys from India to all destinations including U.S.A.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(d) The value of export of monkeys from India during the last three years is as follows:—

Year	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1975-76	50.06
1976-77	84.63
1977-78 (Provisional)	83.40

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