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(c) whether it has directed the Foreign Investment Promotion Board to evolve a set of guidelines in tune with the Government's economic reforms programme and the new Industrial Policy, 1991; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rat Menace in IA Flight

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rat menace is creating a lot of problems to the Indian Airlines flights;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that one Indian Airlines flight was delayed due to a rat; and

(c) if so, what steps will be taken to effectively tackle the rat menace?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There have, however, been isolated cases of Indian Airlines flights getting affected by the rats. In one such case IC-540 of 12th July, 2000 on the sector Delhi-Chennai was rescheduled to operate on 13th July, 2000 due to presence of a rat.

(c) All Indian Airlines aircraft are fumigated regularly. In case a rat is suspected on the aircraft, special bromide treatment is carried out to effectively eliminate rats.