

Productivity study in Indian Airlines

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

(a) whether a recent study conducted
by Government has revealed deterioration
in the efficiency standards of the Indian
Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons
therefor; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Govern-
ment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL
AVIATION (DR. (SMT.) SAROJINI MA-
HISHI) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid
on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) A study made by Indian
Airlines revealed that compared to many
other airlines, its productivity was very
low while the unit production cost in terms
of labour very high.

Among the steps Indian Airlines have
taken or propose to take are :-

(i) Introduction of a revised shift
system in the Engineering, Commercial
and other Departments with a view
to matching the available manpower
with the workload required to be done
and controlling overtime expenditure;

(ii) Intensification of training program-
mes for pilots, withdrawal of one-way

Command on jet aircraft, abolition of
non-operation night steps, combination
of flights,

(iii) Elimination of wasteful work prac-
tices in matters such as posting and trans-
fers, privilege leave, training and super-
vision;

(iv) Initiation of studies in depth
into the existing systems and procedures
in various Departments with a view to ra-
tionalising and streamlining them in con-
sultation with the concerned staff Unions.

Export growth in Fifth Five year Plan

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be
pleased to state:

(a) what is the target of export growth
envisaged during the Fifth Five Year Plan
period; and

(b) what are main items kept in view
for increasing the export earnings?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE
(PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a)
According to the Draft Fifth Five Year
Plan 1974-79 exports are envisaged to grow
from Rs. 2000 crores in 1973-74 to Rs.
2890 crores in 1978-79 representing a com-
pound growth rate of 7.6 per cent per
annum.

(b) The major items which are to make
substantial contribution to export earnings
are engineering goods, iron ore, handi-
crafts, (incl. pearls, precious stones and
jewellery), cotton textiles, steel, fish and
fish preparations and leather and leather
products. These seven items account for
about 2/3 of the total increase anticipated.

**Foreign Corporations having business in
India**

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be plea-
sed to state the names of multinational