

OFFICES OF FOREIGN AIRWAYS AGENCIES SHIFTED FROM CALCUTTA

100. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign airways agencies which have so far shifted their offices from Calcutta to other places in the country ;

(b) whether it is a fact that some foreign airways agencies have expressed their willingness for re-opening offices at Calcutta ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) During the last twelve months, 3 foreign airlines *viz.* Qantas Empire Airways, Pan American Airways and Japan Airlines have discontinued scheduled services to Calcutta of their own accord.

(b) A request has been received from KLM who had earlier transferred their once weekly frequency from Calcutta to Delhi, to operate a new and additional service through Calcutta which they are not entitled to under the existing Air Services Agreement.

(c) Government would welcome the resumption of services by foreign airlines who have the rights to operate.

5-STAR HOTELS

101. SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI SYED AHMAD :
SHRI D. P. SINGH :
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR :
DR. Z. A. AHMAD :

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

(a) what has been the occupancy rate of the 5-Star Hotels during the last five years, year-wise and hotel-wise ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that more than 60 per cent of them are being used by business executives and other Indian tourists ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

102. [Transferred to the 9th August, 1972.]

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103. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE :
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI SYED AHMAD :
SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE :
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR :
SHRI MONORANJAN ROY :
SHRI NIREN GHOSH :
SHRISASANKASEKHAR SANYAL :
DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN.
SHRI SALIL KUMAR GANGULI :
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :
SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI :
SHRI K. C. PANDA :
SHRI D. P. SINGH :
SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA :
SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :
SHRI KALYAN ROY :
DR. Z. A. AHMAD :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that except USA all other members of Aid India Consortium at its meeting held in Paris in June, 1972 have agreed to increase quantum of aid to India ; and

(b) if so, the extent of aid granted by the consortium for the current year and how much of it is non-project aid ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) At the meeting of the Aid India Consortium held in Paris in June, 1972, it was agreed that India required substantial new commitments of aid to strengthen and support her effort at increasing the pace of economic progress. Members noted that for the year 1972-73, fresh commitments of non-project assistance (including debt relief) of about \$700 million and project assistance of about \$550 million would be necessary to prevent a sharp decline in the transfer of resources to India.

Most members indicated the contribution they would be able to make, subject to necessary approval of their Governments, towards these goals. Other members expected to be able to do so, later in the year, and gave their support to the overall programme.