

Airlines and those who travelled to India by Pakistan International Airways since the resumption of flights between India and Pakistan; and

(b) whether the Indian Airlines and Pakistan International Airways are contemplating any increase in the frequency of their flights ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR)

(a) A statement giving the number of passengers carried by Indian Airlines and Pakistan International Airlines during the period 21st July to 3rd August, 1976 is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Depending upon the growth of traffic, Indian Airlines and Pakistan International Airlines will consider increase in the frequencies of the flights within their entitlements by mutual agreement.

Statement

Indian Airlines		Pakistan International Airlines	
Delhi/Lahore	53	Delhi/Lahore	36
Lahore/Delhi	20	Lahore/Delhi	84
Bombay/Karachi	134	Bombay/Karachi	89
Karachi/Bombay	52	Karachi/Bombay	124
	<u>259</u>		<u>333</u>

Air services on the route Delhi/Karachi/Delhi commenced on 7-8-1976.

Decline in the export of Handloom Garments

***26. SHRI PATTIAM RAJAN :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a decline in the export of handloom garments this year as compared to their export in the years 1975-76; and

(b) If so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Purchase of planes for Indian Airlines and Air India

***27. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of aeroplanes purchased for Air India and Indian Airlines during the last three years.

(b) what are the names of the countries from which those aeroplanes were purchased and at what price; and

(c) what are the details of the plans for acquiring aeroplanes for these airlines during the next three years ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (b)

Year of Purchase	Type of aircraft	Number of aircraft	Country from which purchased	Total Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
<i>Indian Airlines</i>				
1973-74 to 1975-76	Boeing 737	6	USA	2920.27
	Caravelle	1	France	18.15
<i>Air India</i>				
1973-74 to 1975-76	Boeing 747	1	USA	3330.00

(c) With the approval of Government Indian Airlines had placed orders for acquiring 3 wide bodied A-300 B-2 aircraft known as Air Bus at a cost of Rs. 94.19 crores which are due for delivery to-

wards the end of 1976. The Corporation's fleet acquisition plan also envisages option for three additional A300 B2 aircraft in the remaining period of the 5th Plan. Studies are also in progress for replacement