

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Newsitem "Delay in catering deal costs Air India dear"

*366. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Delay in catering deal costs Air India dear" appearing in Indian Express dated the 1st August, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto, and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There were procedural delays in finalising the catering contract for the period from 1st August, 1990 to 31st March, 1993 by Air India with the Tokyo Flight Kitchen resulting in losses to the Company. Vigilance

enquiry has been instituted by Air India to fix responsibility in the matter.

The Catering Committee of Air India has also been advised to take timely action in finalising all catering contracts.

Income tax assesses in Madhya Pradesh

*368. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of income tax assesseees in the State of Madhya Pradesh by the end of March, 1995, district-wise;

(b) the number of such assesseees in different slabs; and

(c) the number of arrear cases as on 31st March, 1995, alongwith the outstanding amount and action taken to reduce the number?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total number of assesseees in the State of Madhya Pradesh by end of March, 1995, is 434427. The District wise break up is as under—

DISTRICTS	NO.OF ASSESSEES	DISTRICTS	NO.OF ASSESSEES
Betul	5199	Vidisha	5011
Bhind	1659	Jabalpur	32128
Bhopal	31360	Sagar	5860
Datia	996	Satna	5413
Dewas	5196	Riwa	3157
Dhar	3907	Domah	2500
Gwalior	23379	Sidhi	1816
Guna	4700	Seoni	1674
Hoshangabad	7574	Chhindwara	4113
Indore	78931	Balaghat	3550
Jhabua	1351	Tikamgarh	2248
Khandwa	7873	Narsinghpur	3978
Khargone	6748	Panna	861
Mandsaur	8294	Chhatarpur	4474
Morena	4242	Shahdol	5342
Raisen	1533	Mandla	1598
Rajgarh	2757	Raipur	61119
Ratlam	8342	Durg	18134
Sehore	844	Bilaspur	21931
Shajapur	3288	Raigarh	4641
Sheopuri	3061	Rajnandgeon	7476
Ujjain	13890	Sharguja	6953
		Bastar	5326
		Total:	434427