

(c)' how many air-buses and other air craftas ar<sub>e</sub> being purchased; and

(d)' what are the conditions on which this loa<sub>n</sub> has been received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL.); (a) Yes, sir.

(b) to (d) In order to finance the purchase of 19 Airbus A 320 aircraft, Indian Airlines has, with th<sub>e</sub> approval of the Government, signed an Agree-ment on the 23rd of March, 1989 with th<sub>e</sub> Japanese bank for a l<sup>o</sup>a<sub>n</sub> of US \$200 million. The salient terms and conditions of the loan are:

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| 1. | .                          | Indian Airlines   |
| 2. | Lender ' . . . . .         | . Consortium of Japanese Banks (a syndicate of 12 Japanese banks) |
| 3. | Amount of Loan . . . . .   | . US \$ 200 million   |
| 4. | .                          | . 10 years and 3 months   |
| 5. | Rate of Interest . . . . . | . LIBOR (London . International Bank Offered Rate) Flat.          |
| 6. | Agency fee . . . . .       | . US \$ 5000 per annum.   |

#### Relief Supplies to Afghanistan

916. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS bg pleased to state;

(a) whether India have sent any relief supplies to Kabul through its own plane<sub>B</sub> as a part of humanitarian assistance;

(b) if so, what is the total aid so , far provided to that Country;

(c) whether Afghan Government" had approached India for humani-tarian assistance for the people of Afghanistan; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the number of countries which have supplied relief to Afgha-nistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO); (a) to. (c) The Afghanistan Government had requested India for relief assistance. As on 22nd April, 1989 assistance worth about Rs. 27

lakhs consisting of medicines, vanas-pati, tea and sugar had bee<sub>n</sub> sent by India to Kabul through the Indian Airlines, in Ariana Airlines aircraft.

(d) According to available informa-tion, mainly Soviet and Indian relief supplies have so fa<sub>r</sub> reached Kabul.

#### Unification of Cargo-handling Labour at Ports

917. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT b<sub>e</sub> pleased to state;

(a) whether a sub-group of the working group on ports set up by the Union Minister of Surface Transport has recommended unification of cargo-handling labou<sub>r</sub> at ports;

(b) if so, what wer<sub>e</sub> the recom-mendations made by this sub-Com-mittee;

(c)' how many of them have been accepted; and

(d) what ar<sub>e</sub> the details therefor