

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Subject to acquisition of Dornier aircraft economic viability of operations and availability of infrastructure facilities, Vayudoot has plans to connect the following stations with the new aircraft by 1984-85:—

1. Rajamundry
2. Cuddapah
3. Warrangal
4. Mysore
5. Calicut
6. Ratnagiri
7. Nanded
8. Surat
9. Rai Bareli
10. Bikaner
11. Jaisalmer

(c) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has received requests for introduction of Bombay—Varanasi—Bombay service.

(d) Indian Airlines would consider operating this service after its capacity has been augmented and if justified by the anticipated volume of traffic.

Harassment of Indian Fishermen by Coast Guards

*240. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that Indian Fishermen engaged in deep-sea fishing are not harassed by the Coast Guard authorities;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations in this regard, especially from the fishing industry, based on the East Coast; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) No representations either from the fishermen or fishing industry have been received by

the Government. However, complaints of a general nature from two Hon'ble Members of Parliament has been received recently. Although no specific instance of harassment of fishermen by the Coast Guard was listed in these complaints, yet necessary orders have been issued to Coast Guard ships to exercise due care and ensure that fishing operations are not interrupted and no inconvenience is caused to the Indian deep-sea fishing trawlers.

Foodcrafts Institutes

@1437. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foodcraft institutes which are offering diploma or degree courses in the country;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the Government of Kerala to upgrade the foodcrafts institutes in Kalamasserry in Kerala; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken on this proposal for starting post graduate courses or increasing the number of seats in the existing Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) 12 (Twelve) foodcraft Institutes, offering craft and diploma courses, are functioning in different parts of the country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Keeping in view the financial and technical constraints; it has not been possible to accept the proposal for starting 3 years diploma courses for the present. No proposal for increasing the number of seats has been received.

Loan sought from World Bank by various States for Bus Transport system

1438. SHRI T. THANGABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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