

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

(b) Real Time Computer System would be commissioned by the middle of 1984 which would eliminate the present difficulties in obtaining reservation by providing instantaneous reservations. Indian Airlines have also plans to operate some new services.

The passenger facilitation area in Delhi will be substantially expanded by shifting the international departures to the new international departure building.

Compilation of sequence of events of Bangladesh War by National Archives

@*234. SHRI HABISANKAR BHABHA.

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the chief editorship of a former Director of the National Archives an 11-member team is being constituted to re-capture the sequence of events of the 1971 Bangladesh War; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated expenditure of the project and the time likely to be taken for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI B. VENKATARAMAN): (a) A team of research workers under Dr. S. N. Prasad, a former Director of National Archives has been set up to prepare a comprehensive history of the 1971 operations.

(b) The estimated expenditure of the project is approximately Rs. 15.60 lakhs for a period of two years.

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Ice cream purchased by public undertakings

*235. SHRI CHANDAN K. BAGCHI:

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI.

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

(a) the value of ice cream purchased by the public undertakings under his Ministry during 1983;

(b) the names and addresses of the companies from which ice cream was purchased;

(c) whether Government propose to set up its own ice cream plant to ensure good quality stuff; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (d) The necessary information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Losses incurred by nationalised banks

*236. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously concerned over the increasing losses in the public sector as well as in the nationalised banks;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the losses of nationalised banks stood at nearly Rs. 200 crores upto December, 1983;

(c) what were the main reasons for the heavy losses incurred by the banks;

(d) whether bulk of the losses was due to the bad debts which the authorities were forced to write off;