

Aircraft Design by HAL

2023. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA :
SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA :
SHRI GIAN CHAND TOTU :

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

(a) whether the Hindustan. Aeronautics Limited has finalised the design for a aoseater aircraft;

(b) if so, by when manufacture of this aircraft is likely to start; and

(c) whither Government propose to import foreign feeder aircraft ?

THE MINISTER. OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURU-SHOTAM KAUSHIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This would depend upon the decision that Government would take on the report. of the Committee constituted to go into the various aspects of Third Level Air Service.

Enhancing of flying hours of IA pilots

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to enhance the flying hours for pilots of the Indian Airlines by 35 per cent and to increase their salary by 50 per cent; and

(b) whether Government propose to eraoloy any unemployed commercial pilots for their airlines to meet the shortage of pilots; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURU-SHOTAM KAUSHIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Airlines are recruiting pilots from unemployed Commercial pilots subject to their suitability and depending on the requirements of the Corporations.

Man-power building in North-eastern region by L.I.C.

S025. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Life Insurance Corporation for man-power building in the North-Eastern region of India; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL) : (a) and (b) The L.I.C. has framed recruitment and promotion rules for various categories of employees belonging to Class I, II, III and IV and those apply uniformly all over the country. There is provision for proper training for all grades of personnel and opportunities for promotion are available to all employees including those posted in North-eastern region as provided in its promotion rules. Further, recruitment to Class IV, III and II *i.e.* , sub-staff, Assistants and Development Officers are usually confined to the respective areas in which the vacancies are available.

D.ntwila Committee on Regional Rural Banks Scheme

J2026. SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE -be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dantwala Committee has observed that the Regional Rural Banks Scheme has worked exceptionally well and has recommended for the continuance and expansion of the scheme ;

(b) if so, what is Government's decision on this recommendation ; and

(c) what is the number of villages in each St'te presently covered by the Scheme and the number of banks operating there ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL) : (a). The Dantwala Committee, after making an assessment of the overall performance of the existing Regional Rural Banks, has concluded that within a short span of time, the Regional Rural Banks have demonstrated their capability to seive the purpose for which they were established. It is of the view that the Regional Rural Banks can make substantial contribution towards improving the credit flows to the Rural areas by becoming an integral part of the rural credit structure and that steps,

f Previously Unstarred Question 1532, transferred from the 9th August, 1978.