

(d) An advertisement was issued in June, 1975 for filling available vacancies, but the recruitment could not be completed during the year.

(e) No separate interview was conducted for Scheduled Caste/Tribe candidates but they were considered in the written test and interviews on the basis of relaxed standards.

462. [Transferred to the 1st April, 1976.]

Indo-Yugoslav joint ventures

463. SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indo-Yugoslav joint venture in a third country has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH) : (a) and (b) Possibilities of Indo-Yugoslav cooperation in third countries have been the subject of bilateral discussions for some time. At the recently concluded meeting of the Indo-Yugoslav Joint Venture Committee held in Belgrade (29th February—4th March, 1976) certain projects for Indo-Yugoslav Cooperation in third countries were identified. These were mainly in the fields of dockyard construction, cement and manufacture of bulldozers, tractors.

Diesel engines for Yugoslavia

464. SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Yugoslavia has shown interest in awarding special contract to Indian firms in respect of diesel engines and equipments for cement plant; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI V. P. SINGH) : (a) and (b) At the recently

concluded meeting of the Indo-Yugoslav Joint Committee held in Belgrade the two sides discussed various areas of cooperation in third countries. In this context the Yugoslav side expressed satisfaction with the supply of diesel engines from India used in the manufacture of bull-dozers and loaders in a Yugoslav venture in Indonesia. Other possibilities of Indo-Yugoslav cooperation in third countries discussed at this meeting were dockyard construction, supply of cement plants and railway equipment and construction.

Boeing service to Bhavnagar, Rajkot and Jamnagar

465. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to replace Avro aircraft by Boeing to cover Bhavnagar, Rajkot and Jamnagar; and

(b) if so, by when Boeing service is likely to be introduced on this route?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (b) Indian Airlines are presently operating air services with HS-748 aircraft between Bombay/Bhavnagar, Bombay/Jamnagar/Bhuj and Bombay/Rajkot. The Corporation have no plans to replace HS-748 aircraft with Boeing 737 on their services to Jamnagar, Bhuj or Rajkot. Indian Airlines, however, propose to consider the feasibility and economic viability of operating a service to Bhavnagar with Boeing 737 aircraft after the airfield at Bhavnagar is made suitable for such operations for which necessary estimates for extension and strengthening of runway etc are under preparation by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

Export of leather goods

466. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what have been the export earnings from finished leather and leather goods during the year 1973-74, 1974-75 and 1975-76;