

*Result of searches & seizures:*

Financial year	No. of searches carried out	Value of assets seized (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of infructuous searches
1967-68 . . . . .	109	90	3
1968-69 . . . . .	81	59	2
1969-70 . . . . .	170	95	1
1970-71 . . . . .	195	140	3
1971-72 . . . . .	516	243	5
1972-73 . . . . .	469	384	8
(upto 31-1-1973)			

**PURCHASE OF PLANES BY INDIAN AIRLINES**

\*313. SHRI KALYAN ROY:

SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned, "More Planes for Indian Airlines" published in the 'Economic Times' on December, 25, 1972;

(b) if so, the number of planes, Indian Airlines propose to buy and from which sources; and

(c) whether more planes are to be utilised for its trunk routes on a chartered basis and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines are still examining their fleet requirements.

**DEMAND OF U. P. COTTON TEXTILE MILL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

\*314. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a demand has been made by the U.P. Cotton Textile

Mill Owners' Association for declaring cotton textile industry a priority industry for purposes of taxation and for giving it liberal concessions;

(b) if so, what are the details of the demand; and

(c) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b) The Chairman of the U. P. Cotton Textile Mill Owners' Association at the Fifth Annual meeting of the Association held in January 1973, made the suggestion that the cotton textile industry should be declared as a priority industry for the purpose of taxation and other concessions. No formal detailed proposals have, however, been made to the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

**LOSSES SUFFERED BY AIR INDIA**

\*315. SHRI K. B. CHETRI:

SHRI GANESHILAL CHAUDHARY: SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA: SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON: SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: SHRI SITARAM KESRI: