

(a) whether Government are aware of a centre called "China Publications" which has been opened in Calicut (Kerala) ; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of these publications sold or brought out by it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) :
(a) and (b) Facts are being ascertained from the State Government.

457. [Transferred to the 13th May, 1969.]

PORT DEVELOPMENT

458. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had submitted to the Planning Commission a port development programme to be included in the Fourth Plan; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SARDAR IQBAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The broad details of the programmes as approved are indicated in the Draft Fourth Five Year Plan document, a copy of which has been laid on the Table of the Sabha.

BUDGET OF INDIAN AIRLINES

459. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the budget of Indian Air lines has shown a loss for the current year;

(b) if so, the causes for the continued losses;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to reduce such losses in future; and

(d) the time by when the Indian Airlines expects to run on profit?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) No, Madam. Indian Airlines had budgeted for a profit of Rs. 69.20 lakhs during 1968-69 and in fact they are likely to make a profit of Rs. 159 lakhs.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ADVISORY PANEL ON EDUCATION

460. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in receipt of the recommendations of the Advisory Panel on Education appointed by the Planning Commission on the National Policy on Education during the Fourth Plan; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A copy is attached. (See Appendix LXVIII, Annexure No. 44.)

INVESTMENT MADE IN INDIAN AIRLINES

461. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made in the Indian Airlines till the 31st March, 1969 and how much of it was equity capital and how much of it was loan from Government and banks;

(b) the working results of Indian Airlines during the last three years and details of profits made or losses incurred;

(c) the expenditure incurred on purchase of spare parts during each of the last three years and the extent of foreign exchange expenditure involved;

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned during the last three years and on what heads it was earned; and

(e) the various steps taken to improve the working of the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR.

KARAN SINGH) : (a) The entire capital of the Indian Airlines has been invested by Government. On 31st March, 1969 it was Rs. 25,94,15,960, one half of which is treated as equity capital and the other half as loan capital.

(b) The details of the working results during the years 1965-66 to 1967-68 and the budget estimates for 1968-69 are as under:

	(Rupees in lakhs)			
	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69 Budget Estimates
Operating revenue	2332.70	2700.53	3473.65	3830.00
Operating expenses	2331.03	2978.83	3341.09	3562.80
Operating profit (+)/ loss (—)	(+) 1.67	(—)278.30	(+)132.56	(+)267.20
Non-operating revenue	84.61	108.99	41.06	65.00
Non-operating expenses	53.95	254.19	211.73	263.00
Net profit (+)/loss (—)	(+)32.33	(—)423.50	(—)38.11	(+)69.20

(c) The expenditure on purchase of spares for the years 1965-66 to 1967-68 is given below:

(Rupees in lakhs)

	Total Expenditure	Foreign exchange content
1965-66	145.00	119.00
1966-67	186.00	124.00
1967-68	197.00	159.00

(d) The foreign exchange is earned on passengers and cargo carried by the Corporation. The earnings during the years 1965-66 to 1967-68 were as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1965-66	373.00
1966-67	430.00
1967-68	689.00

(e) The Corporation is constantly making efforts to improve its working. Various measures such as augmentation of capacity on trunk routes and modernisation of the fleet by replacement of uneconomic aircraft are under examination.

'VIVA VOCE' TEST FOR PRAVEEN AND PRAGYA EXAMINATIONS

462. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to abolish the viva voce test for Praveen and Pragya examinations conducted under the Hindi Teaching Scheme; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Yes, Madam.