

CIVIL INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

858. SHRI M. N. KAUL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the civil intelligence services have been bifurcated into external and internal intelligence services ; and

(b) whether there exists any co-ordination between civil and military intelligence so as to eliminate conflicting pictures being presented to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

LOSS SUFFERED BY INDIAN AIR LINES

859. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines is suffering a huge loss on their routes where a large number of seats in its planes remain vacant ;

(b) if so, what is the average of vacant seats in the planes per day in Indian Airlines ;

(c) what is the total annual loss that the airlines suffers on this account ; and

(d) whether steps have been taken to attract more passenger traffic to Indian Airlines to reduce the loss ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) to (d) It is not a fact that the Indian Airlines is suffering a huge loss on account of large number of vacant seats in its planes. While it is not possible to give the position of each sector, the overall seat occupancy achieved by the Indian Airlines during the current year has been as high as 70 per cent which is indicative of shortage of capacity and not excess of it. On some inter-regional sectors, seats may have to be kept vacant for groups of tourists emplaning from an intermediate point.

Experience has shown that traffic builds steeply on the introduction of more modern aircraft. The Indian Airlines is in the process of replacing its Dakotas by HS-748 and a proposal to buy larger and more modern aircraft is currently under Government's consideration. Besides this, the Indian Airlines is considering introduction of special promotional fares on some sectors.

PROPOSAL TO BRING HOME INDIAN SCIENTISTS FROM ABROAD

860. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Public Service Commission propose to recruit Indian Scientists doctors engineers abroad and give them better emoluments and bring them back home ;

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

(c) what is the reponse of the Indian scientists engineers etc. to the above scheme.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):

(a) to (c) The Union Public Service Commission conduct recruitment to certain categories of posts to which appointments are made by the Government of India. The selections for such posts are made by the Commission on a competitive basis after interviewing suitable candidates. Indian candidates abroad who apply in response to the Commission's advertisements find it difficult to attend the interviews conducted by the Commission in India. It is also not possible for the Commission to hold separate interviews abroad for each post advertised by them. In order to afford such candidates an opportunity to compete for posts advertised by them a scheme has been drawn up under which the Commission have arranged abroad the interview of Indian candidates. According to the scheme candidates have been selected for interview abroad on the basis of their qualifications and experience keeping in view the categories of posts for which they have applied. At the interview a candidate will be assessed for one or more categories of posts for which