

67 to study the food production in other countries; and

(b) the extent to which it has helped to boost our food production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE): (a) Most of the delegations sent to other countries in 1966-67 were for attending conferences and seminars organised by international organisations connected with agriculture, food and allied matters. Some delegations went for conducting negotiations for assistance for various production programmes. Only three delegations were sent to study matters having a bearing upon food production in other countries.

(b) These visits have enabled the participants to use the information gained by them, in the formulation and implementation of programmes in their respective fields.

COMMANDER OF CIVIL AVIATION AIRCRAFT FLIGHT-CHECKS ON RADAR INSTALLATIONS

904. SHRI TRILOKI SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the remuneration that is given to the Commander of Civil Aviation Aircraft Flight-checks on Radar installations and the remuneration that his substitutes from the Indian Airlines or Air India get when they are called upon to act for him?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): The pay and allowances admissible to pilots for calibration work i.e. checking instruments used as navigation aids are as follows:

- (i) Pay: Rs. 1500 p.m.
- (ii) Flying Allowance: Rs. 500 p.m.
- (iii) Dearness Allowance: Rs. 100 p.m.

In addition, the pilots are given insurance cover to the extent of

Rs. 45,000 plus 36 times their monthly basic pay.

Occasionally, the pilots of the Indian Airlines Corporation are employed for calibration work. When they are so drawn upon they are paid at the rate of Rs 160 per flying hour or Rs. 720 per day whichever is higher. For their stand-by crew, the remuneration is Rs. 96 per hour or part thereof. Air India Pilots are not drawn upon for this work.

REMUNERATION OF THE COMMANDER OF CIVIL AVIATION AIRCRAFT FOR FLIGHT CHECKS

905. SHRI TRILOKI SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the remuneration that is given to the Commander of Civil Aviation Aircraft for flight checks and the remuneration that his substitutes from the Indian Airlines and Air India get when they are called upon to act for him?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): The term 'flight checks' is used sometimes for flights to check the competence of pilots, and sometimes to check the instruments used as navigation aids.

For the former purpose namely, to check the competence of pilots, the services of pilots from the Air Corporations are drawn upon. This work is not at present done by pilots of the Civil Aviation Department.

For work of calibration or checking the instruments used in navigation aids the pilots employed by the Civil Aviation Department are paid as follows:

- (i) Pay: Rs. 1,500 p.m.
- (ii) Flying Allowance: Rs. 500 p.m.
- (iii) Dearness Allowance: Rs. 100 p.m.