

MILK BAR IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE

2. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the average daily sale of milk products from the milk bar installed in Parliament House, New Delhi during the months of September and October, 1966; and

(b) the monthly estimated expenditure involved in the maintenance of the stall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) Average daily sale of milk products from the Milk Bar installed in Parliament House during the months of September and October, 1966, is indicated below:

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Average daily sales</i> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| | Rs. |
| September, 1966 | .. 54.03 |
| October, 1966 | .. 32.00 |

(b) Monthly expenditure on operation of the milk bar for the months of September and October, 1966, was about Rs. 610:00 per month. This covers pay and allowances of staff and electricity and water charges etc. but does not include cost of raw materials which amounted to Rs. 1,266 during the month of September, 1966 and Rs. 940 during the month of October, 1966.

INCREASE IN TOURIST TRAFFIC

3. SHRIMATI USHA BARTHA-KUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tourist Traffic in the country has increased as a result of the celebration of Tourist Week in March, 1967; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) It is not possible to give figures of tourists who were attracted specifically because of the International Tourist Week celebrations in March 1967. Furthermore, it is too early to judge the impact of these celebrations on the tourist arrivals in this country. The various facilities, concessions and other activities which are being observed as part of the, International Tourist Year are likely to show their results by the end of 1967, when it may be possible to compare the tourist arrivals with those of last year.

AIR SERVICE FROM DELHI TO KANHA NATIONAL PARK, MANDLA

4. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by the Union Government from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for introducing bi-weekly air service from Delhi to Kanha National Park, Mandla via Jabalpur for the promotion of tourist traffic; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines Corporation have received a request from Madhya Pradesh Government for the operation of air service to Kanha National Park.

The airstrip near Kanha is maintained by the State Government and not by the Civil Aviation Department. The suitability of the airstrip for scheduled services is being investigated on the results of which the question of operating a service to Kanha will be further examined by