AVAILABILITY OF SEATS ON AGARTALA-CALCUTTA AIR ROUTE

\*347. SHRI T. M. DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he is aware of the fact that with the introduction of new time-table from 1st February, 1964 by the Indian Airlines Corporation, passengers on the Agartala-Calcutta route are facing unprecedented difficulties to get their seats reserved on the desired date as the total weekly available seats have been reduced from 231 to 171;
- (b) the reasons for withdrawal of the only one Fokker Friendship plane that was flying on the Agartala-Calcutta route and the replacement of the same by a Dakota plane which has got less number of seats;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to change the time-table in the immediate future by increasing the number of passenger flights in a week and by introducing Fokker Friendship plane on the Agartala-Calcutta route; and
- (d) if so, by which date the same will be given effect to?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN): (a) With the introduction of the new time-table from 1st February, 1964, the total weekly seat allocation between Calcutta and Agartala was reduced from 231 to 185.

- (b) The Friendship service had to be withdrawn from the Calcutta-Agartala route so as to allow for operational reasons an earlier departure out of Calcutta for Delhi and to other places onwards.
- (c) and (d) The seat allocation for Calcutta/Agartala has been increased to 269 per week by increasing the frequency of the Dakota service IC-243/244 from thrice weekly to daily with effect from 24th February, 1964. It is not possible with the present Friendship fleet to re-introduce

the Friendship on the Calcutta-Agartala route.

## USE OF EDIBLE OIL IN RAILWAY CANTEENS

\*348. SHRIMATI TARA RAM-CHANDRA SATHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose to use pure edible oil in the departmentally run railway canteens in place of hydrogenated oils or ghee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN .THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): Government do not propose to lay down any specific cooking medium for canteens, as habits of employees in the matter differ from region to region.

## मार्केटिंग श्रीर इंस्पेक्शन के डाइरेक्टोरेट के चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारिकों के लिए मकानों के बताया जाना

\*३४६. श्री भगवत नारायण भागंव : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृषा करेंगे कि मार्केटिंग श्रीर इंस्पेक्शन के डाइरेक्टोरेट के चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों के लिये कितने रिहायशी मकान बन चुके हैं श्रीर तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना की शेष श्रविध में कितने बतेंगे श्रीर जन कर्मचारियों के लिये रिहायशी मकान नहीं बने हैं उनके श्रावास के लिए क्या व्यवस्था की गई है ?

†[Construction of houses for class IV employees of Directorate of Marketing and Inspection

\*349. Shri B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of residential houses constructed for class IV employees of the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection and the number of residential houses to be constructed in the remaining period of the Third Five Year Plan and the arrangements made for the accommodation of the employees for whom residential houses have not beer constructed?]

<sup>†[ ]</sup> English translation.