

(b) if so, how much foreign exchange would be involved in this purchase; and

(c) when it is proposed to be purchased?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN) : (a) to (c) Apart from three Caravelle aircraft, which are due for delivery before January, 1964, the Indian Airlines have submitted a proposal to purchase a 4th Caravelle aircraft involving a foreign exchange expenditure of Rs. 204.91 lakhs for delivery in June, 1964. The proposal is under consideration of Government.

LOAN TO D.T.U. FOR PURCHASE OF BUSES

166. SHRI R. K. BHUWALKA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give more loan to the Delhi Transport Undertaking for purchase of more buses; and

(b) if so, what shall be the extent of the loan and under what terms it will be given?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b) The Government have so far advanced loans amounting to Rs. 30 lakhs during the current financial year to the Delhi Transport Undertaking, mainly for the purchase of additional buses. The Government have received a request from the Undertaking for a larger loan, which is under consideration.

CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE STORES FOR RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

167. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy which the Railway authorities are following in regard to

the opening of consumers' co-operative stores by the Railway employees;

(b) whether any representation has been received from the Railway staff at Nandalur on the Southern Railway regarding delay in granting registration of such a co-operative store; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) The policy of the Railway Board is to promote, as a staff welfare measure, the organisation of Consumer Co-operative Societies by the Railway employees and to render necessary assistance to the Societies organised at the centres approved by the Railway Board for the purpose. The organisation of Railwaymen's Consumer Co-operative Societies is encouraged at all such places where there is a large concentration of Railway employees.

(b) and (c) Yes. A copy of a representation, addressed to the Minister for Co-operation, Andhra Pradesh, by one Shri M. Manickam, Road Van Clerk, Nandalur, organiser of the Southern Railway Employees' Consumer Co-operative Stores at Nandalur, requesting for early registration of the Society was received in September 1963. The matter had already been taken up with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Andhra Pradesh, by the General Manager, Southern Railway, for expediting the registration of the Society at Nandalur and the matter is being actively pursued.

FOOD ARRANGEMENTS ON RAILWAY STATIONS

168. SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the names of the places from Bina to Katni and Katni to Bilaspur in the South Eastern Railway where the food arrangements have been made by the Railway Catering Department?