

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN May I know what is the position in other airlines besides this?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR That is what I have said. Most of the international airlines don't keep radio officers separately.

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†[مولانا ام۔ فاروقی] میں نے پہلے اُرج کیا تھا کہ کتنے ملکوں سے یہ جہاز منگائے گئے ہیں ؟]

श्री राज बहादुर युनाइटेड स्टेट्स आफ अमेरिका में ?

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श्री राज बहादुर जा जहाज पहले मगाये गये थे उनकी कीमत मय स्पेयम और श्रीजार वगैरह के ३०४० लाख है ।

AIR SERVICES TO UK

*238 MOULANA M FARUQI Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the frequency of services of the Air India International to the United Kingdom have gone up to six per week, if so, since when,

(b) if not, whether it is proposed to do so shortly, and

(c) the extent to which the annual income of the Corporation is likely to increase as a result of the above increase in the frequency of the services to the United Kingdom?

†English translation

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) (a) Yes Sir, from 1st July, 1955

(b) Does not arise

(c) As indicated in reply to part (b) of Starred Question No 237 answered by me just now, the increase in revenue on the India-UK route for the year 1955-56 over that for the year 1954-55 is expected to be about Rs 165.6 lakhs

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL. Is it a fact that these aircraft have been giving a lot of trouble on these routes?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR There were some teething mechanical troubles which are usual with new aircraft. They have all been overcome now.

ACCUMULATION OF BIDI TOBACCO

*239 SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that large stocks of bidi tobacco have accumulated with the bidi tobacco growers and traders,

(b) if so what steps have been taken by Government to ease the situation, and

(c) the details of the scheme sponsored by Government for the cultivation of fine textured, flue-cured virginia tobacco?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR P S DESHMUKH): (a) Yes

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha

STATEMENT

I—Steps to help the disposal of accumulated stocks of bidi tobacco

Part (b) The Government of India are taking the following steps to help