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Unemployed Pilots

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MAKWANA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that two trained pilots had been working as porters at Calcutta Airport till recently;

(b) whether there are any other unemployed trained pilots doing such odd jobs; and

(c) what are Government's plans to provide suitable jobs to unemployed pilots in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) to (c) A statement containing the information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) No trained pilot had been working as porter at Calcutta airport. Two pilots had organised a cooperative society in association with some workers around Dum Dum airport area. This cooperative society has taken up the contract for portage and loft luggage service at Calcutta airport.

(b) The Government are not aware of any trained pilots doing odd jobs such as porters.

(c) (i) Rules for recruitment for the post of Assistant Aerodrome Officer in the Civil Aviation Department were amended to make unem-

ed commercial pilots eligible for appointment. 72 such unemployed commercial pilots have been appointed as Assistant Aerodrome Officers.

(ii) Indian Airlines, Air India and IAAI have also been advised to recruit unemployed pilots wherever possible.

(iii) The Ministry of Agriculture have a proposal under consideration for establishing a training centre for imparting flying training in agricultural aviation.

(iv) The Ministry of Agriculture have recently created 19 posts of field officers and those possessing commercial pilots' licence are eligible for consideration for appointment to these posts.

(v) The State Government have also been requested to give consideration to those pilots for employment under them wherever possible.

Shortage of accommodation in the city office of the Indian Airlines at Jorhat

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that the accommodation in the Indian Airlines Jorhat city office has proved to be very small and inadequate for the present traffic; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The accommodation available at the Indian Airlines city office at Jorhat is adequate to meet the present traffic requirements.