

Hotel accommodation and seats in I.A.C. Planes for Foreign Tourists

*64. { Shri Surendra Pal Singh;
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as stated by a U.S. travel agent, as many as five hundred potential tourists to India never visit Delhi because they are either refused hotel accommodation or seats on I.A.C. planes; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure seats on I.A.C. planes and hotel accommodation to all such tourists?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Government are not aware of any such statement made by a U.S. travel agent. It is, however, true that the I.A.C. and the hotel accommodation in Delhi have sometimes not been able to meet the demands of tourists, particularly of large groups.

(b) Proposals for augmenting the I.A.C. fleet of aircrafts are under the active consideration of Government. Meanwhile, to enable tourists to make advance reservations, the I.A.C. have set up a Central Reservation system.

All reasonable incentives by way of loans, income tax rebates and import permits are being given to encourage the construction of new hotels.

Dams on Ravi and Jamuna

*65. { Shri Shree Narayan Das;
Shri Rameshwaranand;
Shri Hem Raj;
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab have submitted a multipurpose scheme for building dams on the Ravi

and Jamuna rivers for the consideration of Central Government;

(b) if so, whether the same has been considered by the Centre; and

(c) if not, the stage of consideration?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). (i) A scheme for the construction of a dam on the river Ravi (Thein Dam) was submitted by the Punjab Government but before its examination could be carried out by Central Water and Power Commission the State Government have informed that the scheme was being modified and enlarged. Project report for the revised scheme is awaited.

(ii) No scheme for the construction of a dam on river Jamuna has been received from the Government of Punjab.

'Credit Card' Facilities on Telephone Calls

*66. { Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad;
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of 'credit card' facility on telephone calls between India and U.K. has been postponed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No; the facility has been introduced with effect from the 1st July, 1982.

(b) Does not arise.

Land Acquisition

*67. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the Supreme Court judgment, Government propose