

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Crimes in Aeroplanes

*1109. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 514 on the 26th November, 1963 and state:

(a) whether Government of India have completed the study of an international convention on crimes occurring on board the aeroplanes;

(b) if so, whether India has decided to sign that convention; and

(c) the important features of the said convention?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) to (c). No, Sir, the Convention is still under consideration of Government.

Rural Reconstruction

*1111. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations and observations made at the Afro-Asian Conference on rural reconstruction held at Kuala Lumpur in the third week of February, 1964; and

(b) the action being taken in the light of the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). The report of the Conference has not yet been received. Such action as is found necessary will be taken after the report has been received and examined.

Survey of Water Resources

*1113. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of American specialists has since arrived in India

to survey land and water resources of the country;

(b) the exact purpose of the survey to be undertaken by the team; and

(c) the name of the sponsoring authority of this survey and the terms on which the team will undertake the survey?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) The terms of reference of the Team are:

- (i) to review present policies affecting watershed management, dam construction, and management of present water distribution and drainage system within a watershed;
- (ii) to determine adequacy of planning and implementation under present policy and management in watershed and catchment areas;
- (iii) to evaluate the qualification of present organisations to plan, implement and carry to completion projects within a watershed; and
- (iv) to make recommendations outlining comprehensive land and water management requirements to conserve and maximize water and land resources.

(c) The Team has been sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development in India at their own cost.

Diversion of a Chartered Dakota Plane from Dum Dum to Bagdogra

*1120. **Shri Swell:** Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a chartered Dakota plane carrying newsmen from Delhi to Garo Hills was diverted from Dum Dum Airport