

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines Corporation is negotiating for borrowing Carvelles or other aircrafts from some European airlines;

(b) if so, the reasons for borrowing;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached;

(d) if so, on what terms; and

(e) which are the foreign companies involved in the deal?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications

(Shri Mohiuddin): (a) to (e). As indicated in reply to Starred Question No. 399, the Board of the Indian Airlines Corporation have approved of the purchase of Caravelle VI-N aircraft to meet the growing traffic demand on the trunk routes. If and when the Corporation acquire such bigger Jet aircraft, they propose, in the interest of economic operation, to lease out some of the aircraft to a foreign airline during the summer months when the traffic demand in India is lean and to take on lease from them similar aircraft during winter months when the demand for traffic in India is greater.

Air Services to Kashmir

*412. **Bakshi Abdul Rashid:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of daily flights run by Indian Airlines to Kashmir from various aerodromes in the country;

(b) whether there is a proposal to increase the flights in view of the rush of passengers, particularly in summer season; and

(c) whether the Viscount flights can also be increased as the Dakotas cannot get the height in case of bad weather?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications

(Shri Mohiuddin): (a) to (c). During the Winter season, Indian Airlines Corporation usually operate one Dakota service between Delhi and Srinagar via Amritsar/Chandigarh and

Jammu. During the Summer months, this service is supplemented by the following Viscount services:—

(a) A daily Viscount flight departing Delhi at 0800 hours for Srinagar (direct).

(b) A daily Viscount flight departing Delhi at 1130 hours for Srinagar (direct).

Extra Department of Staff of P. & T.

{ Shri A. K. Gopalan:
*413. { Shri Bhakt Darshan:
{ Shrimati Vimla Devi:

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

(a) whether the recommendations of the Rajan Committee on the Extra Departmental Staff of the Posts and Telegraphs Department have been implemented in full;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the new scales of pay and allowances have not been made applicable to the Extra Departmental Staff; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) No.

(b) Out of the total number of 100 recommendations 63 were accepted by Government in full, 24 with modifications and 13 were rejected.

(c) No new scales of pay were sanctioned for the E.D. Staff but the allowances which were recommended by the Rajan Committee were made applicable to them.

(d) Does not arise.

Minor Irrigation Works

*414. **Shri P. C. Boroah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken certain measures to lower the cost of