

(b) whether the principle of fixing the seniority of those persons on those panels was based on their seniority in the cadre of Assistants in the Railway Board; and

(c) whether the same principle would be observed in the subsequent panels of Section Officers Grade III prepared by the Railway Board?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of French Noratlas Commercial Aeroplane

*1038. { Shri Basumatari:
Shri A. S. Saigal:
Shri Amjad Ali:

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

(a) whether a French Noratlas Commercial Aeroplane F-BFRG has been imported into India;

(b) if so, by whom and what is the financial arrangement;

(c) whether Government have given the necessary permission to purchase and import F-BFRG;

(d) whether the firm that intends to import the Noratlas F-BFRG is the same firm that has been handed over operations in Nepal by Indian Airlines Corporation subject to their being an Associate of Indian Airlines Corporation and to operate with the Corporation staff and equipment having none of their own; and

(e) if so, whether the import of this type of aircraft will assist or aid Indian Airlines Corporation?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Kalinga Air Lines, Calcutta have imported this aircraft for demonstrational operations for a period of 3 months.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में विद्युत् योजनायें

*१०३६. श्री पद्म देव : क्या लिखाई और विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के जिला चम्बा में तीसा तथा जिला महासु में रोहडू में बालू की गई विद्युत् योजनायें कब तक पूरी हो जायेंगी ;

(ख) इन योजनाओं के बालू होने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इन योजनाओं पर कितना धन व्यय हुआ है और अब तक कौन-कौन से काम सम्पादित हो चुके हैं ?

लिखाई तथा विद्युत् उन्नयनों (श्री हार्शी) : (क) से (ग) विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया है। [वैश्विके परिशिष्ट ३, अनुबन्ध संख्या १३६]।

Growth of Desert in Punjab

*1040. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab have asked the Government of India for financial help to check the growth of desert in that state; and

(b) if so, the amount asked for and the amount sanctioned?

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount asked for is Rs. 7.05 lakhs and that sanctioned is Rs. 5.87 lakhs.