

Shri Hathi: I will try my best to get the information, if possible, before the 30th and circulate it. If it is received later, I will, if the Chair also desires, send the information to the Members direct.

Mr. Speaker: Possibly a time may come where with respect to its own projects or where it has advanced large sums of money, the Centre will have to keep its own agency to keep it informed from time to time. Such things happen in America where the Centre has got its own machinery and the States have got their own machinery. We will have to wait and see.

Jet Caravalles for I.A.C.

*165. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines Corporation is negotiating for the purchase of Jet Caravalles for the internal services;

(b) if so, how many, and at what price; and

(c) when they would be pressed into service and on what routes?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Ahmed Mohiuddin): (a) to (c). The Indian Airlines Corporation have come to the conclusion that a larger aircraft than the Viscount is needed to meet the growing demand on the trunk routes. In this connection they are examining the suitability of different types of jet aircraft available for the purpose, including Caravalles. No decision has, however, been reached regarding the type or the number of aircraft to be purchased.

Shri Morarka: What are the other types of planes which are being considered for purchase for the IAC?

Shri Mohiuddin: The IAC have examined a large number of aircraft including the Turbo Prop, Vanguard, Electra, Jet Caravalle, Boeng 707 and BAC 111.

Shri Morarka: May I know whether they are also considering the purchase of Avro 748 for internal use in IAC routes?

Shri Mohiuddin: This question is about trunk routes, regarding big aircraft. Avro 748 is a medium-sized aircraft. It is a separate question.

Shri Morarka: My question does not say big or small aircraft. I am asking whether they are also considering the purchase of Avro 748 for IAC's internal use?

Shri Mohiuddin: The question is this whether it is a fact that IAC is negotiating for the purchase of Jet Caravalles for the internal services.

Shri Morarka: Sir, on a point of order. My question was about jet caravalles no doubt but the hon. Minister who replied said that several types of aeroplanes were under consideration. Therefore, my supplementary was whether among the several types, they are also considering the purchase of Avro 748. I think I was perfectly within my rights in putting that question and the hon. Minister must answer it.

Shri Mohiuddin: In reply to supplementary question I had already stated the names of Vanguard, Electra, Caravalle, etc. They are all big planes carrying more than 70-80 passengers.

Shri Morarka: Is it a fact that the IAC is not considering the purchase of any medium or small type of planes and it is considering the purchase of big planes only?

Shri Mohiuddin: They will consider the purchase of medium planes when the necessity for them arises.

Shri Morarka: Therefore, may I take it that there is no necessity at the present moment for the purchase of medium sized planes?

Shri Mohiuddin: They have entered into a contract for five fokker Friendship planes which will be develop, I think, by the end of this year or the beginning of next year.

Shri Tyagi: May I know why other planes are being considered while the one which is manufactured indigenously is not taken into account at all? Is it a fact that the Ministry had already examined Avro 748 and they do not like to purchase it?

Shri Mohiuddin: No, Sir. The Ministry did not have any chance yet to examine the possibility of Avro 748 because so far only one plane has been manufactured and flown. I hope that more will come and we will require medium aircraft for subsidiary routes. I hope they will be useful for the subsidiary and small services.

Shri Tyagi: In view of this statement, will they give preference to the indigenously-manufactured planes over the imported ones?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): The hon. Member knows as well as anybody else that we will give preference to indigenously manufactured planes if they are fit for our services.

Shri Morarka: May I know by what time these contemplated planes would be acquired and put in service actually?

Shri Mohiuddin: We have not yet received the final proposal from the Corporation and so it not possible for me to give an answer to this question.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: The Deputy Minister has stated that because only one Avro 748 had been manufactured it was not possible for him or the Ministry to come to a decision. I would like to know whether he has seen Avro 748 and its mechanism and whether it has been found that it is a suitable plane for these routes?

Shri Mohiuddin: I cannot give any information yet about it because the plane has yet to fly about 2000 or 3000 hours. The IAC has got to check up the cost of its operations and so many other factors.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: It was stated that the Corporation had come to the conclusion that they must have a larger plane. What is the capacity

which they have in view and what is the traffic which they anticipate that they may have to cater?

Shri Mohiuddin: The traffic is expected to increase; it is actually increasing on the trunk routes by about 20 per cent a year and that is why the IAC thinks that by 1963 or the middle of 1964 they would require a plane which will carry about 80 or more passengers per trip.

Generators from Russia

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*169. { **Shri Sadhan Gupta:**
 Shri Tangamani:
 Shri Warrior:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that negotiations are in progress with the Soviet Union for the import of 100 Megawatt generators;

(b) if so, how many such generators are proposed to be imported;

(c) where they are proposed to be installed; and

(d) at what stage the negotiations are?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four units of 100 Megawatts each.

(c) Three units are proposed to be installed at Pathratu in Bihar and the fourth at Neyveli in Madras.

(d) Discussions with the Russian authorities on the technical suitability and delivery of these units are in progress.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: What is the price to be paid for these four units and how are they to be paid? Will it be paid in foreign exchange or in rupees?

Shri Hathi: They will be procured from Russia under the trade agreement arrangement. A delegation has gone there and they are discussing