

out, it was decided to test the Dakotas regarding their performance under various conditions and what could be the maximum load which they can carry even in the case of failure of one engine. Therefore, all these tests are being carried out.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if it is a fact that a schedule of experimental flights is drawn by the Director of Civil Aviation and, if so, had they the approval of the technical experts of the ICAO?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: As has been mentioned again in the Press Note, after the Nagpur accident and the Enquiry Committee's recommendation we took up these test flights and what should be the nature of the tests was decided by the experts of the Indian Airlines Corporation and the experts of the Civil Aviation Directorate.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if it is not necessary that a representative of the manufacturers should be present when these experimental flights are being carried out?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I don't think it is necessary.

Shri Ramachandra Redd rose—

Mr. Speaker: I don't propose to allow any further questions.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: I am not asking a question, but I wish to make a submission.

Mr. Speaker: Afterwards.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RAILWAY RUNNING STAFF

***497. Shri Frank Anthony:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the hours of work for running staff are calculated from the starting and the terminating of a train and not from the actual time of the staff signing on and signing off?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): No. The hours of work for running staff

are calculated from the time they 'sign on' to the time they 'sign off'.

FAMILY PLANNING

***507. Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of money provided in the revised Five Year Plan for family planning work; and

(b) what measures are being adopted to implement it?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Rs. 65 lakhs.

(b) The Government of India have opened three Family Planning Centres in India to conduct pilot studies in the "Rhythm" method of family planning. As a result of the recommendations recently made by the Family Planning Research and Programmes Committee, the question of granting subsidies to States and private Family Planning Clinics, for family planning services to the public, is under consideration.

LONG AND MEDIUM TERM LOANS

***513. Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount given to Bihar Government for the grant of long and medium term loan to agriculturists in 1952-53 and 1953-54?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): No amount has been given so far.

VIJAYAWADA AERODROME

***519. Shri Gopala Rao:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether Government are re-considering the re-opening of the Vijayawada Aerodrome for regular air service?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Experiments made in the past of operating air services to Vijayawada showed that the traffic potential of Vijayawada was very low. The Indian Airlines Corporation who are now responsible for the operation of all internal scheduled air services examined again