

Shri Raj Bahadur: That is a part of the contract. As a matter of fact, the price of the aircraft is round about Rs. 91 lakhs. The total purchase that we have made comes to Rs. 304 lakhs for the two aircrafts, spares and engines etc.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether the Government have appointed a Committee to give its verdict on the question whether the Indian Airlines Corporation is to buy Viscounts or American built Convairs, and may I also know whether the Board of Directors of the Corporation decided in favour of Viscounts but the Government has rejected their decision and have appointed a Committee?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. The hon. Member has put in three questions in one. If she puts one question some information can be given.

Shri Raj Bahadur: The choice of an aircraft suitable for internal operation is not an easy one. It is difficult even for experts. It is a fact that tentatively the decision was taken in favour of one type. Then, doubts were expressed about that and an Expert Committee had to be re-appointed. The decision about the final choice would be taken soon.

Shri Karni Singhji: Is it a fact that initially our pilots had difficulties with the Turbe-peop Super Constellations?

Shri Raj Bahadur: With regard to the new Super Constellations, there were teething trouble. They have been overcome.

REMODELLING OF DELHI RAILWAY STATION

*814. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1086 on the 17th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the proposals for a major remodelling of the Delhi Station so as to cope with the heavy passenger and goods traffic are now ready; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Not yet; Sir.

(b) It is too early to indicate the full details; the main proposals, however, are:—

- (i) To extend some platforms.
- (ii) to construct a few additional platforms.
- (iii) to effect improvements to entry and exit of trains in Delhi main B.G. and M.G. Yard by suitable yard remodelling.
- (iv) to provide a sub-way; and
- (v) to provide additional accommodation in the station building to remove congestion.

Shri Dabhi: May I know when work is likely to commence and when it is likely to be completed?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: As I just now said, it is a bit too early to say definitely. The plans have been formulated and we hope to start as soon as possible.

MICA MINES LABOUR WELFARE FUND

*816. **Shri P. C. Bose:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the programme of the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund for the construction of quarters and hospitals for the Mica Mines workers for the year 1954-55; and

(b) the progress made so far in these respects?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). A statement giving the information in respect of hospitals is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 1.] As regards quarters, a Subsidised Housing Scheme was sanctioned in June 1953, under which a subsidy is paid at the rate of 25 per cent. of the cost subject to maximum of Rs. 350 per house, in respect of those houses for which applications were received by the 15th October, 1953 and the construction was