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CIVIL AVIATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

*471. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of the development schemes for Civil Aviation in the country to be undertaken during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether suggestions have been invited in this connection from the State Governments?

The Deputy Minister of Communication (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The schemes to be included in the Second Five Year Plan have not yet been decided. The guiding principle will be the augmentation and modernisation of the facilities at the existing aerodromes from the technical and amenities points of view. The construction of new aerodromes will be provided for. The Plan will also include provision for assistance to the two Air Corporations for purchase of new equipment.

(b) No, Sir.

Shri Morarka: May I know how many new aerodromes are going to be constructed and in what States?

Shri Raj Bahadur: At the moment, during the first Five Year Plan period, we have completed five aerodromes and three are under construction: one at Kandla, another at Udairpur and the third at Chandigarh. The following places are being considered for the new aerodromes: Tuliha, Calcutta (for the Bengal Flying Club), Kurnool, Shillong, Raxaul, Jogbani, Ajmer, Lushai Hills, Ratnagiri/Kozhikode, Gopalpur-on-Sea, Malda, Kangra Valley, Nowgong (Assam), Bhagalpur and Hubli.

Shri Morarka: May I know what are the plans of the Government for the extension of our International service to other countries?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Our tentative proposals are for the purchase of

seven aircraft for increased traffic in existing services, 3 for expansion of services and 4 aircraft to replace the present 4 Constellation; and also expansion of existing workshops, hangars, ground and other equipments.

श्री अचल सिंह : सिविल एविएशन डेवलपमेंट स्कीम्स के मातहत जो सिविल एयर स्टेशंस खुलेंगे, तो क्या यह मुनासिब नहीं होगा कि आगरा जो एक टूरिस्ट सेंटर है, वहां पर भी एक सिविल एयर स्टेशन स्थापित किया जाय ?

श्री राज बहादुर : सिविल अड्डा आगरा को बनाया जाना एक बात है और आगरा को एयर सर्विस से सम्बन्धित करना दूसरी बात है। आगरा होकर एक एयर सर्विस की योजना बनाई गई है और वह निकट भविष्य में चालू की जायगी, ऐसी आशा है।

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know, if before finalising the Second Five Year Plan, Government propose to appoint an expert committee to see the working of the present planes, especially the Dakota, in view of the increasing accidents?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The choice of an aircraft is a highly technical matter and we have got to be guided and governed by the advice given by the experts in this behalf. An expert committee consisting of Shri V. K. Ghatke of the Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., and two engineers from our own department went into this question. They have made certain recommendations and we are going into them.

Shri N. P. Damodaran: May I know whether there is any proposal to construct an aerodrome at Calicut under the Second Five Year Plan?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Yes. I have given that name—Kozhikode or Calicut.

SUPER-ANNUATION OF RAILWAY STAFF

*472. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in accordance with a letter issued by