

power plant available at Imphal into service, and by diverting some surplus power from the power stations at Thoubal and Moirang.

(d) The Director General Geological Survey of India has been requested by the Central Water and Power Commission to investigate the cause of the damage.

Model Farms with Japanese Aid

184. { Shri Rishang Keishing:
Shri Dasaratha Deb:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian farmers to be trained and the duration of training in the model farms to be established with the help of the Japanese farmers; and

(b) how the selection of the trainees will be made?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b): The scheme for training of Indian farmers in the four model demonstration farms, being established in the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Orissa and West Bengal with the assistance of the Japanese Government, has yet to be finalized.

Death of I.A.C. Pilots

186. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that I.A.C. plane pilot Capt. B. K. Arora died on the 16th July, 1962, while on a chartered Dakota flight from Kabul to Amritsar when a vulture crashed through the wind-screen of the plane near Lahore, and the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): The facts are that

Indian Airlines Corporation Dakota aircraft VT-AUS, while returning from a charter flight from Kabul to Amritsar, on Sunday, the 15th July, 1962, suffered a bird hit approximately 50 miles from Lahore, from a vulture, who smashed the pilot's direct vision window glass and entered the cock-pit and caused grievous head injuries to Co-pilot B. K. Arora. Commander of the aircraft managed to land the aircraft safely at Lahore. The injured pilot was rushed to Mayo Hospital, but inspite of medical assistance rendered, he succumbed to his injuries.

2. The accident has been investigated by the Pakistan authorities. An officer of the Civil Aviation Department participated in the investigation as an observer. The final report of investigation is now awaited from the Pakistan Civil Aviation authorities.

Shortage of P & T Staff in Kerala

187. Shri P. Kunhan: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of staff in Kerala P & T Circle; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to remove this shortage?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri B. Bhagavati): (a) Yes, Sir, there is some shortage.

(b) The following steps have been taken:

(i) Examination for direct recruitment of clerks/sorters has already been held on 1st July 1962.

(ii) Additional approved candidates from previous recruitment have been allotted to the Divisions concerned and the divisional officers concerned are taking action to finalise preliminary action required before appointment.

(iii) Some candidates are already undergoing the prescribed training before appointment.