

West Bengal Government that Centre should finance the training of Bhagirathi Scheme which alone will help the river transport to make Farakka Barrage effective; and

(b) if so, their reaction thereto?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) and (b) No specific scheme for training Bhagirathi has been submitted to the Government of India by the Government of West Bengal. The West Bengal Government have drawn the attention of the Centre to the need for re-sanctioning of the Bhagirathi as an integral part of the Farakka Barrage Project and to be executed simultaneously with the project. In order to determine the steps to be taken for corrective measures, a Study Group of Technical Officers was set up by the Calcutta Port Commissioners. The Group has submitted its report for the consideration of the Farakka Barrage Control Board. But as this Board is primarily concerned with the construction of the barrage only, it has now been decided to have the report examined by the Central Water and Power Commission.

किसानों को ऋण

2215. श्री विभूति मिश्र :

श्री क० न० तिबारी :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिये कोई योजना बना रही है कि भारत के रिजर्व बैंक ग्राम्य सहकारी बैंकों के माध्यम से किसानों को दिये गये ऋणों पर किसी भी मामले में 3 प्रतिशत से अधिक ब्याज न लिया जाय; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी व्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सांख्यिक विकास तथा सहकारी आन्दोलन में राज्यमंत्री (श्री

एम० एस० मुखर्जी) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Avro Jets to replace Dakotas by IAC

2216. Shri George Fernandes:

Shri J. H. Patel:

Shri A. Sreedharan:

Shri Madhu Limaye:

Shri Girraj Saran Singh:

Shri S. K. Tapuriah:

Shri Meetha Lal:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Avro Jets being introduced by the Indian Airlines Corporation on its services will involve losses to the Indian Airlines Corporation;

(b) whether Government propose to abandon the purchase of these planes for the Indian Airlines Corporation; and

(c) whether jet planes of smaller passenger capacity are proposed to be purchased from abroad for replacement of Dakotas?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) Avros are fitted with turbo-prop engines and not with jets. There is no reason to believe that introduction of Avros will, by itself, cause financial loss to the Corporation.

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

Delhi-Kanaha Air Service

2217. Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:

Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:

Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary:

Shri Nathu Ram Abirwar:

Shrimati Agam Dass Guru
Minimata:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by the Central Government