

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) and (b). There is no formal agreement yet between I.A.C. and the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for supply of Avro-748. According to the existing understanding, however, the first Avro should have been delivered in May, 1967. It is now expected to be delivered by the first week of July at the latest.

Increase in Sugar Price

2240. Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether the price of sugar has recently been increased in some of the States.

(b) if so, the names of those States and whether this was done in consultation with the Centre, and

(c) the reasons for this increase?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No, Sir. Sugar prices have not been increased recently

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Vizhinjam Fishing Harbour Projects

2241. Shri P. Viswambharan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) when the Vizhinjam Fishing Harbour Project is expected to be completed; and

(b) the amount earmarked for the project in 1966-67 budget and the amount actually spent during that year?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The project is being executed by the State Government of Kerala as a Centrally

sponsored Scheme. It is expected that the harbour will be completed in 1970-71.

(b) No amount has been specifically allotted for the Vizhinjam Fishing Harbour for the year 1966-67. A plan outlay of Rs. 66 lakhs was proposed for the year 1966-67 for the scheme "Landing and Berthing Facilities at Minor ports" for Kerala and the State Government had made budget provision accordingly. The amount spent on this project during 1966-67 upto January, 1967 is Rs. 8.145 lakhs and the amount estimated to be spent by 31st March, 1967 is Rs. 22 lakhs.

Drought Affected Areas in States

2242. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have asked the State Governments to furnish the information to the Centre about the chronic drought-affected areas in their respective States, and

(b) if so, the names of the areas which are affected by drought every year in each State?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) In order to analyse the problem of drought, State Governments have been requested to report about the classification of drought affected areas broadly on the lines of the criteria evolved by the erstwhile composite State of Bombay in 1960.

(b) Normally, there is no area in the country where drought strikes every year.

Car Number Plates to M.P.s.

2243 Dr. Karni Singh:
Shrimati Nirlep Kaur:

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to issue