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(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

Buddhist Centre

6559. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND
TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of National Park Services visited Rajgir (Bihar) and other Buddhist Centres this year;

(b) whether the said delegation has submitted any report to the Government for the development of buddhist centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and especially for the development of the Rajgir and Nalanda?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. An eight member team from National Park Service, USA visited places of Buddhist interest in Bihar during November, 1990.

(b) and (c). The National Park Service, USA is preparing the final concept plans for development of the Bodhgaya Region including Nalanda and Rajgir. When the concept plans are ready, they would be submitted by the National Park Service to the Government of India.

Import of Equipments by Air India

6560. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND
TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether orders worth about Rs. 12 crores have been/are being placed by the Air

India with Messrs. Lintas Corporation Sallinas, California—a firm reportedly having been declared "Financial Condition Unbalanced";

(b) if so, the details of equipments sought to be imported and to what use it is proposed to be put to; and

(c) the reasons for spending such a huge foreign exchange in clearing this deal by the Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). A letter of intent amounting to Rs. 4.02 crores, has been issued to Lintas Corporation for the import of Cargo loaders and Cargo transporters, which are not manufactured in India. Letter of Intent for an amount of Rs. 1.62 crores has also been placed with their Indian Collaborators viz. Usha Telehoist Ltd.

The equipments are used for loading/off-loading of containers/pallets on the wide bodied aircraft. These are also used for handing of Air India flights and flights of other airlines at various airports in India.

Air India have safeguarded their interests as payments will be made only after the equipment are inspected and despatch exfactory is made, and the equipment are commissioned.

12.00 hrs

[English]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura):
Sir, today more than two thousand Railway workers and employees are holding Dharna at Boat Club. They are demanding the reinstatement of the dismissed Railway employees. This issue was raised in this House, in this session, twice, by the hon. Members of this House. It was assured by the Railway Minister that the reinstatement of the dis-