

Acquiring More Airbus Jets and Boeing Aircrafts

3629. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to acquire more Airbus, Jets and Boeing Aircrafts for its fleet for operational purposes ;

(b) if so, number of such jetliners that will be added in the fleet ;

(c) whether these additional jets will be put into operation on International routes and also on domestic flights from April 1, 1986 ; and

(d) whether daily direct flights will be operated on Delhi-Baroda route as a result of availability of additional aircraft ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Air India and Indian Airlines propose to augment their fleet of Airbus aircraft.

(b) Air India has placed an order for the acquisition of 6 A 310-300 Airbus Aircrafts to be inducted progressively in its fleet during the year 1986. Indian Airlines has placed a letter of intent for the purchase of 19 Airbus A 320 Aircraft to be inducted in its fleet in the year 1989-90.

(c) No, Sir. The first such aircraft to be acquired by Air India is proposed to be deployed for international operations from the 24th of April, 1986.

(d) Depending on the traffic demand then available, Indian Airlines would examine the possibility of operating a daily direct flight between Delhi and Baroda.

Modernisation of Neyyar Dam Project in Kerala

3630. SHRI A. CHARLES : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state ;

(a) whether there is a scheme for the modernisation of the Neyyar Dam Project in Kerala.

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether Government will ensure that the modernisation of the Neyyar Dam Project is completed in the Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) The Government of Kerala have submitted the project report on modernisation of Neyyar Irrigation Project to Central Water Commission in February, 1984 for technoeconomic clearance and acceptance of the Planning Commission. The project proposal envisages irrigation to about 9900 hectares and is estimated to cost Rs. 9.05 crores. The completion of this project would depend on providing requisite funds by the State Government.

Second International Aircraft Near Bombay

3631. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to build a second International Aircraft near Bombay ;

(b) if so, at what place ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Bombay Metropolitan Regional Development Board has proposed Mandwa port for that purpose ; and

(d) if so, details thereof ;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) In view of the reply given to (a) above, does not arise.