

(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir. No such package tour is contemplated at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Jumbo Jet Affected by Bird Hit

659. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA
RAO :

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to be Press report appearing in Hindustan Times dated 12 September, 1985 wherein it has been stated that an Air India Jumbo Jet carrying 299 passengers on scheduled flight to Bombay and Rome had a narrow escape when one of its engines was affected by a bird-hit just before the take off ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by the Government of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir. While on its take-off run at Delhi airport on a scheduled flight to Rome on 11-9-1985 at approximately 0700 hours IST, one engine of Air India's B-747 Jumbo Jet failed. The pilot aborted the take-off and the aircraft was taken to the parking bay. An examination revealed that the engine had been hit by a vulture. During the taxiing, some tyres also got deflated. All the passengers and the crew were safe.

Various measures such as cutting of grass around the runway strips and spraying of insecticides, use of incinerators for burning garbage, shooting, of birds at airports, installation of sodium vapour lights on the operational area and airfields, and enforcement of provisions of Rule 81-B of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 are being adopted. Clearance of slums around airports, creating public awareness regarding environments cleanliness around airfields through various publicity media is also in hand. Constant vigil is being maintained to prevent clandestine slaughter of animals, setting up of unauthorised meat and fish

shops, butcheries etc. within a radius of 10 kilometres around airfields to prevent concentration of birds near airports.

Inquiry into Kanishka Crash

660. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH
MALIK :
SHRI MANIK REDDY :
SHRI R.M. BHOYE :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Inquiry Commission set up to inquire into the causes of Kanishka air crash on 23 June, 1985 killing all the 329 passengers on board has since submitted its report to Government ;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ; and

(c) the time by which the report is likely to be submitted to Government ?

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

(b) and (c) As per the notification of appointment, the Court investigating the Kanishka crash has been asked to furnish its report to the Government by 31 December, 1985.

Standing Committee of Ministers to Formulate Policy for Family Planning

661. SHRI YASHWANTRAO
GADAKH PATIL :
(SHRI R. M. BHOYE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up a Standing Committee of Ministers to formulate policy for Family Planning ;

(b) if so, what is its composition and approach to the Family Planning programme;

(c) whether State Governments will be associated with the formulation of programmes; and

(d) whether it is proposed to elicit the co-operation of voluntary organisations in implementation of the policy and programme, if so, how ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR, : (a) and (b).

No Sir. However, as one of the various initiatives taken in order to step up the activities of the Voluntary Organisations in the Family Welfare Programme, a proposal to set up a High Level Standing Committee consisting of the Ministers of the Ministries/Departments of Health and Family Welfare, Human Resources, Labour, Welfare, Agriculture and Rural Development and Information and Broadcasting, is under the consideration of the Government. It is proposed that this Committee, when constituted, will formulate the policy for integration of Family Welfare with other social welfare and developmental activities.

(c) Yes Sir ; the Central Family Welfare Council with Health Ministers of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations as Members, has already been functioning under the Chairmanship of Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare to review the progress of Family Welfare Programme periodically and to advice the Government on formulation of Policies and Programmes.

(d) Yes Sir ; Voluntary Organisations are being actively involved in the promotion of Family Welfare Programmes for providing information, education and communication as well as services to the people.

Electification Schemes Throughout the Country During 1985-86.

662. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) how many electrification schemes are proposed to be undertaken throughout the country by railways during 1985-86 ; and

(b) how many of them come under Southern Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b). In addition to the electrification of Dhaulpur-

Itarsi-Nagpur-Vijayawada, Godhra-Ratlamⁿ Gangapur City-Mathura, Bhusawal-Nagpur-Drug, Chandrapura Complex and Katpadi-Jolarpettai Sections, where the electrification works are in progress, electrification of Tundla-Agra-Bayana and Champa-Gevra Road Sections have been approved during 1985-86 as new schemes.

Out of the above schemes, electrification of Katpadi-Jolarpettia section falls on the Southern Railway, and electrification works on this section are expected to be completed during 1985-86.

Electirification of Railway Line in Kerala

663. PROF. P. J. KURIEN :

SHRI T. BASHEER :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any estimate has been made about the total cost of electrification of railway lines in Kerala ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) whether it is a fact that Kerala is one of the very few States where not a single line has so far been electrified ;

(d) if so, whether Government have any proposal to undertake electrification of at least some sectors in Kerala ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Mountaineering Teams for Himalayan Expedition

664. SHRI MADAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) how many mountaineering teams participated in the Everest expedition this year and the number of climbers died