

play as a medium of instruction in such schools ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Navodaya Vidyalaya in Canacona, Goa has been started in 86-87 and is already functioning.

(b) A total of 20 acres of land has been proposed to be made available by the Union Territory of Goa. Construction of new school building is yet to start.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) On the basis of admission test held for the academic year 1986-87, 64 students were selected for admission to Class VI.

(e) and (f). As admission to Navodaya Vidyalaya will be made at the level of Class VI and most of the students so admitted would have been taught earlier through the medium of mother-tongue/regional language, instruction will be provided through the same medium upto Class VII or VIII during which time intensive teaching of Hindi/English, both as language subjects and co-media, will be undertaken. Thereafter, the common medium would be Hindi/English in all Vidyalayas.

#### Telephone facilities on Flights

4469. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines have any proposal to provide telephone facilities to the passengers on flights ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ;

(c) the names of the airports in the country which have subscribers Trunk Dialing facility for the public ;

(d) whether the Indira Gandhi International Airport (National Departure Lounge) has the S.T.D. facility ;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(f) whether Government propose to provide the same ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Subscribers Trunk Dialing facilities are available at the following airports :—

1. Bombay,
2. Calcutta,
3. Madras,
4. Bangalore,
5. Bhubaneswar,
6. Cochin,
7. Hyderabad,
8. Tirupati,
9. Trivandrum,
10. Vijayawada and
11. Vishakhapatnam.

(d) No, Sir. However, Telecommunication counters by P&T for Trunk Booking are provided in the Domestic Terminal.

(e) and (f). Two Auto STD Coin-fed Telephones installed initially in the Domestic Arrival and Domestic Departure at Indira Gandhi International Airport were removed by the P&T Department owing to malfunctioning. The matter has been taken up with the P&T Department for replacement of these.

#### Use of Satellites to Combat Global Resurgence of Malaria

4470. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the American Scientists have launched an experimental project

that will use earth-orbiting satellites with electronic sensors to combat the global resurgence of malaria ;

(b) if so, whether after successful demonstration of the techniques, they have recommended the international organisations or interested Governments to accept the proposal ; and

(c) whether Union Government have any plan to get the proposal examined and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). This Ministry is not aware of such an experiment.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Inadequate Air Service between Mangalore and Bangalore

4471. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had drawn the attention of the Union Government regarding inadequate air service between Mangalore and Bangalore;

(b) whether the State Government had suggested that additional services should be operated between Mangalore and Bangalore to meet the traffic demand ;

(c) whether the suggestion has been considered by Union Government ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka had requested that Bangalore be connected to Mangalore by Boeing 737 service. The State Government had suggested that an additional service may be operated on this route in case Boeing 737 service could not be introduced.

(c) and (d). Indian Airlines has with effect from the 1st November, 1986, introduced a daily B-737 service between Mangalore and Bangalore.

#### Buses added to DTC Fleet

4472. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

DR. A.K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether at the time of last fare hike, 400 new buses were proposed to be added to the existing fleet of 4956 DTC buses ;

(b) if so, the number of buses which have been added by now ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c). Augmentation of bus fleet including replacement of a buses is a continuing process. Since the fare-revision in February, 1986, the DTC has purchased 202 buses for its fleet and further orders for 308 bus-chassis have been placed.

#### Financial Assistance by SDFC to Shipping Industry and Fishing Trawler Industry and Recovery of Loans

4473. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of financial assistance rendered by the defunct Shipping Development Fund Committee to the Shipping Industry since its inception to date ;

(b) the outstanding loan and interest to be recovered from the Shipping Industry ;

(c) the financial assistance rendered by the S.D.F.C. to the deep sea fishing trawler industry ; and

(d) the outstanding loan to be recovered from the deep sea fishing trawler industry by the S.D.F.C. ?