

by the Director General Civil Aviation and it is mandatory for them to provide all necessary machines, equipment and toolings.

The four Engineering Training Schools at each major base of Indian airlines viz. Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta and Hyderabad provide training to technicians and engineers on regular basis.

#### **Bonded Labour**

3477. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:  
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:  
SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to involve voluntary agencies in identifying and rehabilitating the bonded labourers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the response of the voluntary organisations to the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA):(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Scheme for Involvement of Voluntary Agencies for Identification and rehabilitation of bonded labourers has been launched on the 30th October, 1987. It provides for identification of voluntary agencies by the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (APART) or the State Government concerned to take up the work relating to bonded labour. The payments to voluntary agencies for identification and rehabilitation work would be made through CAPART to the State governments and the expenditure would be borne on 50:50 basis by the Central government and the State government.

(c) The Scheme has been launched only on 30th October, 1987 and therefore it is too early to assess the response of the voluntary organisations.

#### **Increase in production of Foodgrains Per Unit**

3478 SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Union government to improve per unit production of foodgrains in the country; and

(b) The reason of its being less than other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Steps taken to improve per unit production of foodgrains in the country, both in irrigated and rainfed areas, include the following:

- (i) Timely, easy and adequate supply of agricultural inputs like technology, seeds, fertilisers, implements, plant protection chemicals, credit, etc.
- (ii) Increasing the area under High Yielding Varieties Programme.
- (iii) Greater attention to dryland farming through watershed management, use of seed-cum-fertiliser drill, increased use of fertilisers and seed of short duration varieties and cultivation of coarsegrains and pulses.
- (iv) Production of sufficient seed of different classes, namely

breeders seed, foundation seed and certified seed so as to cover targetted area under High Yielding Varieties Programme.

- (v) Adoption of area approach in potential districts for increasing the production of various crops.
- (vi) Adoption of integrated plant protection measures.
- (vii) Increasing the intensity of cropping.
- (viii) Assuring remunerative prices of various food crops to the farmers and their announcement before the sowing season and also organisational support for purchase of commodities at these prices; and
- (ix) Intesification of research efforts so as to extend the benefits of new technology to more farmers, cropping systems and regions.

(c) The main reason is the extreme diversity of situations under which each crop is grown in our country compared to either temperate countries or small countries. Further about 75% of farmers in our country are resource poor and about 70% of cultivated area is dependent on rains only.

#### **Development of Tourist Potential in Kerala**

3479. SHRI K. MOHANDAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to develop historically important place in Kerala having tourist potential; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme with names of the places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM\* (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The Central Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to states on the basis of specific proposals received from State Governments. During 1987-88 the Ministry has sanctioned Rs.14.500/- floodlight of Trivandrum Museum and Kanakakunu Palace.

#### **Courses in Aircraft Maintenance**

3480. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka had sent any proposals to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation seeking permission to start courses in aircraft maintenance and aircraft radio maintenance engineering; and

(b) if so, whether the permission has been granted?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Reporting time for Flights**

3481. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) The present reporting time for domestic and international flights; and

(b) Whether Government propose to