

presenters and casual artistes and duration of their appointment;

(b) the number of times in a year these selections are made; and

(c) the emoluments given?

THE MINISTER FOR PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
(SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The policy to
engage casual artists is based on the
needs of fulfilling immediate requirement
where permanent posts do not exist or
leave vacancy and such other emergen-
cies arise. Engagement of a casual artist is
for not more than 10 days a month unless
approved otherwise.

The Selection of casual news readers is
done through audition tests conducted by
the respective Kendras. These assign-
ments are on a purely casual basis and the
news readers are called to read news as
and when required

(b) The audition tests for selecting news-
readers on a casual basis and selection of
casual artists are held from time to time
depending on requirements. There is no
fixed frequency

Air India

Type of aircraft	Overall Load Factor percentage	
	1986-87	1987-88 (Estimated)
Boeing 707	54.1	Phased out
A310	51.4	51.2
A300	66.0	66.3
Boeing 747	61.3	60.7

Indian Airlines

A300		
B737	69.0	73.1
F.27	69.0	71.0
HS-748	66.4	65.4
	70.8	73.0

Vayudoot Limited

Dornier	59.0	59.0
F.27	66.2	65.0
HS-748	70.5	69.0

(c) The emoluments given to news read-
ers range from Rs. 100 to Rs. 400/-.

Capacity Utilisation of Aircraft

962. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of available capacity
for different types of aircraft utilised during
1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) whether there is a need to increase
the capacity utilisation of the existing air-
crafts; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAM-
ILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL
AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) In
aviation terminology overall load factor
which is the ratio of revenue tonne kilome-
ters to available tonne kilometers
expressed as a percentage is usually used
for gauging the capacity utilisation. The
figures for 1986-87 and those estimated for
1987-88 are as follows:—

(b) and (c). The figures compare favourably with the industry average. It is, however, the constant endeavour of the airlines to improve the load factor by more intensive marketing.

Short Duration Paddy Cultivation

963. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have taken any steps to popularise short duration paddy cultivation in different States;

(b) if so, the assistance given to different

States for that purpose during the last three years; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) A central sector scheme of minikit programme of rice is being implemented for popularizing high yielding varieties of rice including short duration varieties.

(b) and (c). The details of assistance given in terms of finance and seed minikits to different States during the years 1985-86 to 1987-88 are given in Statements I and II below

STATEMENT-I

Financial Assistance Given to Different States Under Central Sector Scheme for Rice Minikit Demonstration during the Period of 1985-86 to 1987-88

(Rupees in lakhs)

States/Union Territories		Year-wise financial allocation		
		1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12.00	11.948	7.145
2.	Bihar	14.40	11.948	7.145
3.	Gujarat	0.60	1.196	0.721
4.	Haryana	0.60	1.196	0.721
5.	Assam	12.00	11.948	7.145
6.	Himachal Pradesh	0.24	0.598	0.367
7.	J&K	0.06	0.598	0.367
8.	Karnataka	3.00	5.975	3.540
9.	Kerala	1.20	4.182	2.491
10.	Madhya Pradesh	17.40	11.948	7.145
11.	Maharashtra	5.40	5.975	3.550
12.	Manipur	0.96	1.196	0.721