

pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on extending Vayudoot to any cities of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b). Vayudoot has plans to airlink Calicut with Cochin in Kerala, subject to availability of additional aircraft capacity.

#### **Purchase of Aircraft for Air Taxi Service**

573. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air Taxi operations are restricted to twin English Aircraft only;

(b) if so, whether single engine Aircraft can also be permitted for such operations as most of the Airports in India are open for operations during day only; and

(c) whether Government propose to earmark finance from World Bank Aid for purchase of Aircraft for taxi operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b). As per the guidelines for operation of Air Taxi Services, issued on 14.11.86, Air Taxi operations are restricted to twin Engine Aircraft only.

(c) There is no such proposal.

#### **Deployment of Army to Tackle Law and Order Problem**

574. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to

state:

(a) how many times the army was deployed to control the law and order problems in the country during the last four years; and

(b) what were its effects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). In case of immediate non-availability of paramilitary forces, the personnel of armed forces were used 89 times during the last 4 years ( 1985-88). As a result, law and order and peace was maintained in the affected areas.

#### **Gap Between Urban and Rural Poor**

575. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gap between the rural poor and the urban rich is widening due to non-remunerative agricultural prices as per the results published by Research Organisations who monitor the economy;

(b) whether social tensions in the rural areas are growing in view of this wide gap; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to rectify this imbalance in the rural and urban earnings?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) It is not known which studies the Hon'ble M.P. is referring to but it is not correct to say that gap between the rural poor and the urban rich is widening due to non-remunerative agricultural prices. Agricultural prices are fixed by the Government after consider-