

Assistant of Air India Chairman and Managing Director and presently the General Manager, Vayudoot has misused his official position in Air India while being accompanied by a film star and her friend with him to foreign tours thereby causing a huge loss to Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any inquiry has since been conducted, and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yer, Sir.

(b) and (c) A preliminary enquiry into the allegation is being made by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

अण्डमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह के लिए हेलीकाप्टर सेवा

4600. श्री राम बिलास पासवान : क्या पर्यटन और नगर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार अण्डमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह के लिए हेलीकाप्टर सेवा शुरू करने का है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह सुविधा कब तक उपलब्ध कराई जाएगी; और

(ग) तत्संबंधी ठगौरा क्या है?

पर्यटन और नगर विमानन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुशील आलम खाँ) :

(क) से (ग) अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीपों के लिए हेलीकाप्टर सेवा प्रारम्भ करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

H.A.L.'s Offer to Manufacture Small Planes For Vayudoot Service

4601. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

SHRI SURAJ BHAN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited had offered to manufacture the small plane required by the Vayudoot Service costing less than Rs. two crores each and seating capacity of 24 and yet it has been decided to import the German small plane Dornier with seating capacity of about 19 and that such 150 planes will cost about Rs. 350 crores in foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the full facts and the reasons of rejecting the indigenous offer; and

(c) the final decision in this regard and reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) to (c) A proposal was received from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in July, 1981, for design and development of a 30-seater passenger aircraft requiring foreign assistance in certain areas. A total time-frame of nearly 7 years was envisaged for the first production aircraft to roll out after completion of design and development of the aircraft. In view of the urgent requirements of Vayudoot as well as the Defence Services, a decision was taken to induct the 19-seater Dornier aircraft and the first production aircraft from HAL would roll out from 1985-86. Eesign Collaboration for a 30-seater aircraft is also a part of the Agreement.

The detailed project report is under preparation and the exact cost including foreign exchange outgo would be known with any degree of accuracy only thereafter.