THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Raksha Mantri while considering the request for dehiring of premises in Bombay had directed that the construction progamme should be related to releasing properties requisitioned a long time ago.

(c) In pursuance of this directive. 48 premises have been dehired in Bombay in the month of June. 1984.

The programme for construction of residential accommodation for Defence personnel is also being accelerated.

Complimentary Travel Tickets from Foreign Air Lines

4704. SHRI DIGAMBAR SINGH : will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any norms or guidelines have been laid down for officers of the Air-India posted at Bombay, Delhi and abroad for getting free complimentary travel tickets from foreign airlines for themselves and their families;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is open to an officer to avail himself of such free foreign travel facility without getting prior permission from the designated authorities in Air-India;

(d) whether this free travel is being grossly misused by these officers and their families by indiscriminate purchases and import of articles from abroad and misusing Air-India's hospitality like cars, accommodation also abroad; and

(e) the steps being taken to stop such misuse of free travel facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND

(SHRI CIVIL AVIATION KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c) The grant of complimentary or rebated passages and/or interlining by one airline to officials of other airline is generally regulated by International Air Traffic Association Regulations, In Air India, Departmental Heads/Sectional Heads are required to exercise scrutiny of applications for interline. travel, Requests are considered only for travel of employees, their spouses and children. Interline transportation on parallel sectors is debited to the entitlements or the staff under the Air-India Employees passage Regulations.

(d) Generally there has been no misuse of these facilities. Further, the employees of Air India are, also bound by Customs Regulations and if any employee is found to be misusing such facilities, suitable action is taken.

(e) Guidelines/norms have already been laid down and if misuse comes to the notice af Air India, suitable action is taken including suspension of passage entitlements under the Air India passage Regulations

Import of Sebasic Acid During 1983

4705. SHRI DIGAMBAR SINGH : Will the minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the value and quantity of imports of sebasic acid during 1982 and 1983 and the countries of import; and

(b) whether the import was through private trade channels or through any State agency and in the former case, their particulars ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) Date relating to import of Sebasic Acid is not available as this item is not separately