

(b) whether the Defence Authorities have agreed to the use of the Jodhpur Airfield for this purpose ; and

(c) If so, the time by which the said flights will be put into operation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI) :

(a) Indian Airlines have such a proposal in view.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Indian Airlines hope to start the service in the winter of 1971.

Number of Students enrolled in Universities

2589. SHRI R. P. DAS : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of students enrolled in the Universities of India ;

(b) whether expenditure on University education has kept pace with the increase in the number of students ; and

(c) if so, to what extent ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) : (a) The number of students enrolled in Universities/Colleges, according to the latest available statistics pertaining to 1969-70 is 24.3 lakhs.

(b) The following table indicates the percentage increase (i) in enrolment of students in Universities and Colleges and (ii) in the expenditure on Universities and Colleges, for the period 1961-66 for which expenditure figures are available.

YEAR	No. of students enrolled	Percentage increase in enrolment	Expenditure on Universities/Colleges	Percentage increase in total expenditure
1	2	3	4	5

(figures in lakhs)

(Rs in crores)

1960-61	8.86	—	76.94	—
1961-62	9.63	8.7	85.42	11.0
1962-63	10.62	10.3	96.85	13.4
1963-64	11.68	10.0	109.18	12.7
1964-65	12.94	10.8	127.27	16.7
1965-66	14.64	13.1	157.33	23.5

(c) The increase in the expenditure, on current prices, has kept pace with the increase in enrolment.