

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indo-DPRK Trade Plan for 1974 envisages an annual trade turnover of Rs. 26 crores.

According to it, India's main exports to DPRK consist of leather, textile, jute manufactures, manganese ore, H.P.S., Groundnuts, spices, wire ropes, ball bearings, tyres and tubes chemicals etc.

Principal items of imports from DPRK are fertilizers, steel products, non-ferrous metals, various chemicals, magnesia clinker, refractories etc.

In accordance with the contract concluded by MMTC, DPRK will supply 20,000 metric tons of Urea at international prices. According to the delivery schedule, 10,000 M. Tons will be supplied during July-September, 1947 and balance during October-December, 1974.

#### Facilities for Trekking/Expeditions at Hill Stations of Tourist Interest

9111. SHRI M. S. PURTY:  
SHRI C. K. JAFFER  
SHARIEF:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are places of tourist attraction at hill stations where Government have provided facilities for supplying modern equipments at reasonable rents for Indians and foreigners for trekking/expeditions: and

(b) if so, the names of such places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. SAROJINI MAHI-

SHI): (a) and (b) At present the equipment for trekking and mountaineering expeditions is being supplied to Indians and foreigners by the mountaineering Institutes at Darjeeling, Uttar Kashi and Manali. The Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering set up by the Department of Tourism at Gulmarg also proposes to hire out equipment to tourists, as also organise trekking and mountaineering excursions for promoting international tourism.

#### Recruitment of Pilots in Indian Airlines

9112. PROF. MADHU DAN.  
DAVATE;  
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines approved the absorption of 55 pilots after comprehensive selection tests conducted during April-October, 1972; state:

(b) whether out of this lot, 28 pilots were sent for training to the Central Training Establishments with letters to the other 27 assuring them that they would be called for training as soon as the first 28 pilots completed their course;

(c) whether the Indian Airlines proposes to make a fresh recruitment overlooking the claims of the 27 pilots; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b): A panel of 55 candidates was drawn up by Indian Airlines for appointment as apprentice pilots early in 1973 and it was valid for one year. The first 28 candidates were offered appointments with effect from 1st February, 1973 and are