

317,258 and that of their urban agglomerations 363,487 and 344,607 respectively. The Census Authorities have not published any estimates of population for the year 1973.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The population as shown in the 1971 Census Report is taken as the basis for classification of cities for purposes of compensatory (city) and house rent allowances. On this basis, it has not been found possible to upgrade these two cities to B-2 class.

#### **Economy Measures introduced in Indian Airlines**

3289. SHRI SHANKER RAO  
SAVANT:

SHRI LAMBODAR BALIYAR:

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

(a) the broad features of the new shift system introduced in the Indian Airlines; and

(b) the various economy measures introduced in the Indian Airlines and the annual saving expected from each one of them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a). The broad features of the new shift system are:

(1) The shift timings have been revised to meet the operational needs.

(2) The staff has been so deployed as to have the requisite number of employees to match the workload thereby eliminating artificial shortages and surpluses.

(b). Broadly the measures adopted/contemplated by Indian Airlines to economise expenditure are:—

(1) Introduction of a revised shift system.

(2) Transfer of the function of passenger transportation at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras and Hyderabad to other authorities or agencies.

(3) Provision of additional seats on Boeing 737 aircraft consequent upon the decision to discontinue major meals.

(4) Elimination of certain wasteful work practices such as—

(a) doing away with the one-way command system,

(b) reducing non operational night stops,

(c) improving pilot utilization, and

(d) reducing short-term transfers.

While it is not possible to quantify the savings at this stage, it is expected that the Airline will achieve considerable improvement in profitability.

#### **Effect of Recent increase in Fares by Air India and I.A.C.**

3290. SHRI SHANKER RAO  
SAVANT:

SHRI DHAMANKAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the effect of recent increase in fares by Air India and I.A.C. on (i) the number of persons travelling by air and (ii) the financial position of the two Corporations?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADR): Fares were increased by 25 per cent in Indian Airlines from 1st February, 1974. Air-India fares were increased by 6 per cent from 6th January, 1974, and a further increase of 7 per cent is to become operative from 15th March, 1974. It is not too easy to assess the impact on passenger traffic, but it is estimated that it would be marginal.