

of India for financial assistance for the said project. The Delhi Administration and the Delhi Municipal Corporation, who were consulted, have also no information about it. Information is being collected from the Government of Haryana and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

National Parks

893. Shri Swell:
Shri Bodabrata Barua:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Parks which are in the country and their names and locations;

(b) the criteria for declaring an area as a National Park and the assistance rendered to it by Government; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Kaziranga, the home of the World-famous and rare one-horned rhinoceros, has not yet been declared a national park?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Ananashib Shinde): (a) There are three National Parks in the country, names and locations are:

1. Corbett National Park in Uttar Pradesh.
2. Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
3. Shivpuri National Park in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) National parks are defined as areas 'Dedicated by statute for all time to conserve the scenery and natural and historical objects of national significance, to conserve wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations, with such modifications as local conditions may demand'.

As Wild Life is a State subject, the legislation for the creation of parks is to be enacted by the Legislatures of the States concerned.

The development of National Parks can be included under the Scheme 'Nature Conservation' in the State Sector and the pattern of assistance for all State schemes in the Fourth Plan is 30 per cent loan and 20 per cent grant.

(c) Kaziranga has not yet been declared a 'National Park'.

Aerodrome in Gwalior

894. Shri Atam Das: Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct a civil aerodrome at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, when it will be constructed?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to construct a civil aerodrome at Gwalior.

Development of Delhi Villages with Financial Assistance from Lebanon

895. Shri Atam Das:
Shri Mohan Swarup:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the three villages of Delhi State are proposed to be developed with the financial assistance from the Lebanon Government;

(b) if so, the nature of the proposed development;

(c) whether any such assistance has been received from other countries for the development of villages in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community

Development and Cooperation (Shri Anasahb Shinde): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal as such for financial assistance by the Government of Lebanon for the development of three villages in Delhi State. However, a National Committee constituted to organise an "India Day Campaign", under the patronage of the President of Lebanon, collected a sum of Rs. 4 lakhs. The object of the Campaign was to express friendship and solidarity of the people of Lebanon with the people of India. The organisers of the Campaign wish to utilise this money for the relief and development of a village or group of villages near Delhi. The proposal has been accepted by the Government of India in principle and details of the development and relief project are being finalised.

(b) Details of the proposed development are under consideration.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Loss suffered by I.A.C. on Dakota Service

896. Shri Girraj Saran Singh:
Shri S. K. Tapariah:
Shri Mooltha Lal:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state the loss suffered by the Indian Airlines Corporation per passenger-mile on the operation of Dakota planes?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): The loss suffered by Indian Airlines Corporation per passenger-mile on the operation of Dakota planes during 1965-66 was 25 Paise.

Avro Jets

897. Shri Girraj Saran Singh:
Shri S. K. Tapariah:
Shri Mooltha Lal:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) when the order was first plac-

ed by the Indian Airlines Corporation for Avro Jets to replace Dakotas;

(b) the number of Avro jets ordered and at what rates; and

(c) their delivery schedule?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) A letter of intent was issued by Indian Airlines Corporation to Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Kanpur on 5th October, 1965.

(b) Nine Avro-748 (HS-748) Series II aircraft have been ordered. The price of each aircraft is Rs. 82.53 lakhs.

(c) The delivery scheduled is as follows:—

No. of aircraft	Month of delivery
1	May, 1967.
1	December, 1967.
1	February, 1968.
1	May, 1968.
1	July, 1968.
1	September, 1968.
1	December, 1968.
1	February, 1969.
1	March, 1969.

Food Production in India

898. Shri Bakraj Madhok:
Shri Hardayal Devgun:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the percentage of people in India fed annually on foodgrains produced in India?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anasahb Shinde): It is not possible to give information on the percentage of people in India fed annually on internal production of foodgrains alone. The difficulty arises from the fact that in Government distribution indigenous and imported foodgrains are pooled together for sale to the