

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, 1968.
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