

Santa Cruz Airport

948. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government are considering to remodel the Santa Cruz Airport, Bombay;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) the total amount involved on this scheme?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The work on expansion of the International Wing in the Santa Cruz Terminal Building has just been completed at a cost of about Rs. 12.5 lakhs. Certain additions and alterations costing about Rs. 40 lakhs have recently been sanctioned. These works are expected to be completed by the end of 1968. The question of developing a new International Terminal Complex is under consideration.

Rise in Prices of Food-stuff in Himachal Pradesh

949. Shri Bal Raj Madhok: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of food-stuffs have suddenly shot up in Himachal Pradesh in the wake of introduction of single State Food Zones;

(b) if so, the steps which Government have taken to ensure adequate food supplies at reasonable rates to Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to re-constitute a single Food Zone of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) Prices of some foodgrains which registered an upward trend immediately after the creation of single State Zones have recorded some decline recently.

(b) Additional quantities of wheat and rice have been made available to

Himachal Pradesh from the Central stocks and also by the Punjab Government, during May, 1967.

(c) A proposal was received from Himachal Government.

Accident to Sydney-bound Qantas Boeing

950. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers and some members of the crew were injured when a Sydney-bound boeing of Qantas airlines suddenly dropped before landing at Dum Dum Airport, Calcutta in March, 1967;

(b) if so, the causes of the accident; and

(c) the number of persons injured?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) to (c). Qantas Empire Airways Boeing aircraft, operating a scheduled service from London to Sydney on 27th March, 1967, encountered excessive turbulence near Jamshedpur on the Karachi/Calcutta sector. As a result, eight unstrapped passengers and two Flight Stewards were flung about in the cabin of the aircraft and were injured. The aircraft was given a priority landing and it landed at Calcutta after 23 minutes from the time of the incident. Six passengers, who received minor injuries, were given first aid and were allowed to proceed on the flight. The remaining two passengers and the two Flight Stewards were admitted to hospital at Calcutta.

साइबुंग नेटिव—1 ज्ञान

951. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती : क्या साइबुंग तथा हवि बंजी बहू बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) घाघाबी खरीक कसल में फिलाने एकड़ जमीन में साइबुंग नेटिव-1 किससे