

Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Dr. M. M. Das:

Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new air zone has been created for operation in the southern areas;

(b) if so, the airport which will be controlled by this new zone; and

(c) the extra expenditure incurred for creating the new zone?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir. A new Area with Headquarters at Madras has been created.

(b) The following stations will be controlled by the Madras Area:

1. Bangalore.
2. Colombo.
3. Cochin.
4. Coimbatore.
5. Hyderabad.
6. Madurai.
7. Madras.
8. Tiruchirapalli.
9. Trivandrum.
10. Vijayawada.
11. Visakhapatnam.

(c) The Corporation have estimated that the additional cost will be of the order of Rs. 2 lakhs per annum.

Replacement of Viscounts

2529. Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to replace Viscount

services by other swifter services by the end of 1969;

(b) whether a technical team has already been making a study of the same;

(c) whether arrangements have been made for the purchase of any type of aircraft faster than Viscount; and

(d) if so, the number of such planes to be purchased and whether these will be purchased with Corporations earning or funds will be provided by Government?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) to (c). B.A.C. 111, DC-9-10, DC-9-30, Caravelle 10-R and Boeing 737 aircraft are being studied by the I.A.C. as a replacement of their Viscount fleet. The study has not yet been completed and no recommendation has been received from the Corporation so far.

(d) The Corporation propose to purchase 7 to 9 aircraft. No decision has yet been taken regarding the purchase of the aircraft or the method of financing the purchase.

Soil Conservation Programme

2530. Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount set apart for soil conservation programmes in the Third Plan period; and

(b) the amount spent and the schemes on which they were spent?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) A sum of Rs. 72.00 crores was provided during the Third Five Year Plan period for Soil Conservation Programmes under the Central, Centrally sponsored and State Plan Schemes.