

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):

(a) Government have not appointed any such Committee.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Committee on suitability of new aircraft

1728. SHRI C. C. DESAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Two-Man Committee of Shri A. Mitra of the Civil Aviation Department and Shri H. N. Ray, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance know about the Article "Trouble with the City Jets" appearing in Flug Revue March, 1969 in German issue (City jets German Airlines Terminology for Boeing 737-300); and

(b) whether they have taken into consideration the reasons why 737-200 is a highly controversial aircraft now in service with the German Airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):

(a) Government have not appointed any such Committee.

(b) Does not arise.

Arrangements at Houssainiwala Border

1729. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that no proper arrangements exist for the personnel posted at our border at Hussainiwala regarding office accommodation, sitting arrangements, electric fans and lights, furniture and for their protection from hot wave and cold wave;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the other side has made comfortable arrangements for their border police and tourists from all over the world; and

(c) if so, the reasons for this state of affairs on our borders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) :

(a) to (c). The arrangements for our personnel of different departments posted at the border post of Hussainiwala, regarding office accommodation, sitting arrangements etc. require improvements. Construction of a conference room, sentry posts and barracks for the Border Security personnel are already in progress. Plans for providing adequate office accommodation for the personnel of all the departments and also improved amenities for tourists and other travellers who come into India across the border have already been taken in hand.

Delay in purchase of aircraft by I. A. C.

1730. SHRI BABURAO PATEL :
SHRI RABI RAY :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the technical committee of the Indian Airlines which met in May, 1968 preferred the U. S. DC-9 Aircraft to Russian TU-134 Aircraft for adding to the Indian Airlines fleet, because it offered more accommodation and was more economical to operate;

(b) if so, the reasons for inordinate delay by Indian Airlines in finalizing purchase of five new aircraft;

(c) whether this postponing will not affect the Indian Aircraft business, considering the fact the delivery of aircraft is made two years after placing the orders; and

(d) the date when Indian Airlines will finally place the order, type of aircraft it will select and cost of each aircraft and date of delivery ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):

(a) The Board of Indian Airlines in July, 1968 unanimously recommended to Government the purchase of 5 DC-9-40 aircraft.

(b) to (d). The recommendation of the Board is under careful consideration and a decision is likely to be taken soon.