

(b) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to make IAC purchase some more Kanpur made HS-748 aircraft which the Indian Airlines does not want to buy; and

(c) If the replies to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, the rationale for such a decision which would ultimately add to the burden of the Indian tax-payer ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. SUROJINI MAHISHI) :

(a) During 1968-69 the break-even load factor of the HS-748 fleet was 81.2 per cent as against the revenue load factor of 64.5 per cent achieved.

(b) To meet their expanding requirements, Indian Airlines have placed orders for 10 more HS-748 aircraft manufactured in the country. With these additional aircraft, the break-even load factor will come down resulting in more economic operations.

(c) Indian Airlines do not anticipate much loss and in any case it is incumbent upon the Corporation to patronize the only civilian passenger aircraft manufactured within the country.

#### Failure of Kanpur-made HS-748 Aircraft

9884. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines Corporation was not able to operate its fleet of Kanpur-made HS-748 aircraft at a profit in 1968-79;

(b) whether it is also a fact that failure of the Kanpur-made HS-738 aircraft is in sharp contrast to the success achieved by its counterparts manufactured in U. K. and Japan; and

(c) if the replies to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, the reasons for the failure of HS-748 aircraft ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. SUROJINI MAHISHI) ;  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines are not aware of the results of the operation of the U. K. manufactured HS-748 aircraft.

(c) The losses on HS-748 aircraft are due to higher break-even load factors, which are expected to come down with the increase in fleet size.

#### Naxalites Activities in Punjab

9885. SHRI SITARAM KESARI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the activities of Naxalites in Punjab in the last six months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of political murders have taken place and a threat to the life and property of the people has been posed by the Naxalites; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure the safety of the citizens ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) to (c). Facts are being ascertained.

#### कार्यालय में हिन्दी का प्रयोग

9886. श्री ओम प्रकाश त्यागी । क्या शिक्षा तथा युवक सेवा मंत्री कार्यालयों में हिंदी के प्रयोग तथा हिंदी में पाठ्य पुस्तकों के प्रकाशन के बारे में 5 दिसम्बर, 1969 के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 430 के उत्तर के सम्बंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ग्रह-कार्य मंत्रालय की हिंदी शिक्षण योजना के अधीन उनके मंत्रालय के सभी अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों को कब तक हिंदी सिखा दी जायेगी ;