

Dhanbad too? Will he go and just inaugurate the Service but there will be no Vayudoot aircraft available thereafter? Will the authorities spend some amount of money to construct an airport in Dhanbad? Inauguration of Vayudoot service to Dhanbad has been postponed at least five times earlier and it was done again yesterday. I want to know from the hon. Minister how many days will it take to start Vayudoot service to Dhanbad? When will the aircraft be available for Bilaspur, which has already been inaugurated and where both the former and the present Minister have paid a visit?

SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member has desired to know about Bilaspur. The Bilaspur service, which was started earlier, will again be made available around 15th of March.

SHRI DAMODAR PANDEY. And what about Dhanbad?

SHRI MOTILAL VORA: That will be introduced in March.

[English]

SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER. Sir, is the hon. Minister aware that there are a number of tourist centres in Karnataka, particularly, Belur and Halebid?

AN HON. MEMBER: Bijapur also.

SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER: Of course, all the places. I am giving the examples. So, will the Minister take steps to see that Belur and Halebid in particular, come on the Vayudoot map during the next academic year? I would like the Minister to see these places himself because he is new to this Ministry. You have seen these places, Sir, let him also see. So, I would like to know from the Minister when will it be implemented.

MR. SPEAKER: The question regarding Vayudoot is that everybody likes to have it in his own constituency. So, assure them that they will all get it. That is the only question they can put.

SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Sir, I can only say that this all depends on the availability of the aircrafts.

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: They all will say the same thing.

[English]

They all make one thing. That is all.

Dr. Krupasindhu Bhoi: My question is very important, Sir.

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow you, if you have something new to say.

[English]

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: It will be helpful to the Minister also. Sir, the previous Minister, Mr Jagdish Tytler had assured on the floor of the House that in the 1987-88 schedule, Jharsuguda will be connected by Vayudoot... (Interruption).

MR. SPEAKER: Same thing. You write it to him. Everybody wants it. So, there is no question. You all write to him and as soon as he gets the aircrafts, he will try to connect all. I can put that question on behalf of the whole House.

### **Misuse of Multi-Purpose Fishing Trawlers for Shrimp Fishing**

\*85. SHRI T. BALA GOUD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fall in marine shrimp production Government propose to take appropriate action against the multi-purpose trawler owners for misuse of their licences of import; and

(b) if not, the reasons for not taking action so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) A Statement is given below.

#### STATEMENT

(a) and (b). The production of marine penaeid shrimp during the last five years is given below:-

Year	Penaeid Shrimp Production (in tonnes)
1982	108529
1983	105482
1984	115447
1985	108721
1986	109997

The figures given above do not indicate any significant fall in marine shrimp production. Besides, more than 90 per cent of the production is contributed by traditional and small mechanised fishing crafts. Therefore, the question of taking action against the multipurpose trawler owners does not arise.

(Translation)

MR. SPEAKER : you do not want to ask any supplementaries. That is all right.

(English)

Digvijay Sinh Ji will deliver the goods now.

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Sir, the question is regarding the appropriate action against the multipurpose trawler owners for misuse of their licences of import. I would like to know one thing specially regarding the fall in the production of shrimps.

The overfishing of this area is the main cause for the fall of production and to counteract that, all other means of production of shrimps through aqua-culture had by and large failed. What has the Government done to promote the production of crustaceans through aqua-culture?

SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : Sir, if the hon. Member reads the statement carefully, he will come to appreciate that the production of this shrimp fish has not declined. There is not any significant fall in the production and steps are being taken to increase further production by providing several facilities and encouragement and seeing that these multi-purpose deep fishing vessels that are permitted to go into deep sea and activate, take sufficient precautions in going to the deep sea.

DR. DATTA SAMANT : Sir, in our country there is a big potential for the shrimps and prawns and usually, I am from the Goan... (Interruptions).

AN. HON. MEMBER : Dr. Datta Samant speaking on fishing!

MR. SPEAKER : He always fishes in more troubled waters!

(Interruptions)

DR. DATTA SAMANT : From Bombay, Ratnagiri, Sindu Durga and the Western coast has a big potential for the shrimps and all along the coast there are rocks, and the recent survey shows that there is a big potential for developing all types of shrimps in that area. I am asking the Government whether they will make special efforts to have more production of shrimps and more research so that they spend some more amount for all this Western Coast and Goa.

SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : Sir, the only way to increase shrimp production is by culturing it extensively, brackish water prawn fishing, and this is being encouraged in almost all the nine States that are likely to improve these things and suffi-

cient help is being given for providing this brackish water prawn farming so that more fish can be fished.

(Interruptions)

SHRI K.S. RAO : Sir, the hon. Member in his reply tells us that 90 per cent of the production has been done by only indigenous and small craft. If that is so, where is the need for the Government to entertain import of multipurpose trawlers misusing a lot of foreign exchange?

SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : Sir, it is because these Indian crafts cannot go far away in the sea and this is for deep-sea fishing under the upward economic zone so that they can go to that thing. That is why the fishing trawlers are imported.

#### Expansion of Air India

\*86. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering plans for the expansion of Air-India;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed plan, the time frame for its implementation and the investment involved;

(c) the working results of Air India for the last two years; and

(d) to what extent implementation of the plan will further improve its position?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) to (d). A statement giving the requisite information is given below.

#### STATEMENT

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As part of Air India's fleet rejuvenation and expansion plan, the Corporation has already acquired six A310 Airbus aircraft in the last two years at a project cost of approximately Rs. 541.90 crores. Air India has also placed an order with the Boeing

Company for two 747-300 Combi aircraft at a project cost of Rs. 371.74 crores, to be delivered in October/November, 1988. Air India may be purchasing more aircraft during the remaining period of the plan to meet the expected growth rate of 4% in traffic during the 7th Five Year Plan period.

(c) The financial performance of the Corporation for the last two years is given below:-

	1985-86 (Rs. in crores)	1986-87 (Rs. in crores)
Total Revenue	893.88	925.46
Total Expenses	827.88	895.30
Net Profit	66.00*	30.16

\* This figure includes Rs. 17.79 crores for depreciation written back on VT-EFO (Kanishka).

(d) The existing fleet of Air India together with the two Boeing 747-300 Combi aircraft which will be inducted in October/November, 1988 will add to the capacity of Air-India. Air-India plans to operate non-stop services on the India-Europe sector with the new Boeing 747-300 Combi aircraft which fulfils the needs of Air-India for a medium passenger capacity long haul aircraft.

SHRI S.B. SIDNAL : Sir the hon. Minister had not given a complete picture in the answer. Only mentioning two aircraft which have to be purchased in future may not be adequate in proportion to the growth of the passengers coming from outside. So, in view of this, what is his proposal to attract the foreign passengers in the country?

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA : Sir, as part of Air India's fleet, upgradation and expansion plan, the Corporation has already acquired six A-310 airbus aircraft in the last two years at a project cost of approximately Rs. 541.90 crores. The Air India has