

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Pension scheme for teachers of affiliated colleges of Delhi and Punjab Universities**

\*959. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teachers of affiliated colleges of Delhi University have been given the option of pension;

(b) whether this facility has also been extended to the colleges of the Punjab University in Chandigarh; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to extend this facility to the college teachers of Punjab University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The teachers in Government Colleges in Chandigarh are eligible to retirement benefits, including pension, as are available to employees of the Chandigarh Administration. The teachers in private colleges in Chandigarh are eligible at present only to the benefits of a Contributory Provident Fund Scheme.

(c) While communicating the Scheme of revision of pay scales, the Central Government had suggested to all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations that they might consider sanctioning benefits like, dearness allowance, house rent allowance, retirement benefits, medical facilities, leave travel concession, etc., to teachers in Universities and Colleges on the same basis as are provided to Central Government employees.

**Flaws in Dornier Aircraft Engine**

\*960. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(b) whether some flaws have been noticed in the engine of the Dornier aircraft;

(b) if so, whether the above flaws will hamper the expansion of the Vayudoot services;

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken to improve the situation;

(d) whether there is also proposal to acquire any alternate aircraft for Vayudoot; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No inherent flaws have been noticed in the Garrett engine fitted on the Dornier aircraft.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) and (e). In order to meet the projected increase in traffic and to replace some of the ageing aircraft, Vayudoot proposes to acquire some 40 plus seater aircraft. The Committee appointed to recommend the type and number of aircraft to be purchased has not yet finalised its recommendations.

**Acquisition of modern and fuel efficient ships**

\*962. SHRIMATI VJAYANTHIMALA BALI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's demand with regard to requirement of Shipping fleet with sufficient DWT capacity is increasing every year; and

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to acquire modern and fuel efficient ships so that the country's demand is met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). The policy of the Government is to build a modern and efficient merchant fleet in relation to needs and to provide a measure of self-reliance in foreign trade and to save foreign exchange. The emphasis is on replacement of the over-aged and uneconomic ships by mod-