

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : : अध्यक्ष जी, जो बसतब्य बितरित किया गया है, उससे पता चलता है कि 1978-77 में 1885 लाख मीट्रिक टन सीमेंट का उत्पादन हुआ था, जो 1978-79 में आगे बढ़ा लेकिन 1979-80 में वह उत्पादन घट कर 1762 लाख मीट्रिक टन पर आ गया। तो पहले तो उत्पादन बढ़ा फिर 1762 टन हो गया। इसके क्या कारण हैं? दूसरी बात यह कि कई देशों को सीमेंट का निर्यात किया गया। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि किन देशों को यह निर्यात किया गया और इसकी आवश्यकता क्यों पड़ी?

MR. SPEAKER: He wants export figures.

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: It was exported to Iran, Gulf countries, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Kuwait besides Nepal and Bhutan.

Modern Aircraft for use by V.V.I.Ps.

*147. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is not in a position to become self sufficient in respect of modern aircraft for the use of very very important persons; and

(b) whether Government have made efforts to seek technical assistance of some foreign engineers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH: (a) The number of aircraft required for VVIP flights being very small, it will be uneconomical to build them indigenously.

(b) No, Sir.

SHRI N. E. HORO: It is very strange that India being such a big country and there are so many very

very important persons, how is it that it has not occurred to the Government to go in for more aircraft for quick transport? They have been using air force planes, and also helicopters very often. I think it is advisable that they should acquire more planes for their travel in the entire country so that they can look after the people spread over the entire country.

SHRI C. P. N. SINGH: This is a suggestion made by the hon. member. We will definitely consider his valued suggestion.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: The present aircraft, the Ilyushin aircraft which was supplied by the Soviet Union... (Interruption). He objects to anything I say about Russia.

MR. SPEAKER: Shall I mediate? You put your question.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: I would like to know whether the Minister has analysed the Report on the air crash that took place of the VIP plane near Jorhat and whether he does not consider the present aircraft as unserviceable and whether Government will consider importing a fresh air-craft for VIP travel.

SHRI C. P. N. SINGH: The Hon. Member has put up a very valid point. It is quite correct that these air-crafts which we acquired sometime in 1966 are rather obsolete, and they are going to be phased out.

Now, there were just six 2124s that we are talking about, and the HS48 and these were together eight aircraft, out of which one crashed in Jorhat. We will definitely look into this. A committee has been set up and the recommendations of the Committee, whatever they are, will be considered. We will also take into consideration the Hon. Member's idea about fresh air-craft.