

cope with the rush during summer season;

(b) if so, the number of flights daily; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to cope with the rush?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) to (c). Indian Airlines' summer and winter schedules take into account the anticipated fluctuations in seasonal traffic demands. The total number of scheduled services operated by Indian Airlines each day ranges from 98 to 102 as per existing schedule. Any unexpected demands on specific sectors where there is rush, such as Delhi/Srinagar/Delhi, Calcutta/Bagdogra etc., are met by operating extra flights. Indian Airlines operated 8 extra flights with Boeing 737 on Delhi-Srinagar-Delhi route during May-June, 1978.

Categories of Aircrafts with I.A. & A.I.

*394. SHRI C. N. VISVANATHAN: SHRI P. KANNAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number and value of aircraft of various categories with the Indian Airlines and Air India;

(b) the number and value of aircraft purchased during last two years and proposed to be purchased during the current and next two years together with reasons for purchase; and

(c) the specific countries from which additional aircrafts are sought to be acquired?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a)

The requisite information is given below:—

INDIAN AIRLINES		As on 31-7-78	
Type of Aircraft	No. of Aircraft	Purchase price	
		(Rs. in crores)	
1. Airbus (A-300 B2)	5	118.09	
2. Boeing-737	15	77.19	
3. Caravelle .	5	9.95	
4. HS-748 (Avro) .	15	14.96	
5. Fokker Friendship (F-27)	8	4.88	
6. Viscounts .	2	0.84	
7. Dakota (DC-3) .	1	0.02	
Total	51	225.93	

AIR INDIA As on 31-7-78

Type of Aircraft	No. of Aircraft	Purchase price	
		(including furnishings and modifications in US Dollars Million)	
Boeing 707-420	4	23.642	
Boeing 707-320B	3	21.324	
Boeing 707-320C	2	15.371	
Boeing 747-200B	6	182.977	

(b) and (c). INDIAN AIRLINES : A total of 8 aircraft were purchased by Indian Airlines during the last two years as per details given below :—

Rs. in crores		
Airbus (A300 B2)	5	118.09
Boeing 737	3	22.76
Total	8	140.85

Future requirements of additional aircraft have not been finalised.

AIR-INDIA

During the last two calendar years 1976 and 1977, no aircraft was added to the fleet by Air-India. In the calendar year 1978, the following aircraft were added to the fleet, the cost of the basic aircraft and installed engines including furnishings of the same is as under:—

6th 747—200B (effectively-FEB 1978—\$36.971 million the fifth 747)

7th 747—200B (effectively—JUNE 1978—\$ 42.082 million the sixth 747)

Government have recently approved the purchase of a replacement aircraft in lieu of the one lost in the accident on 1st JAN. 1978 at an approved project cost of \$ 50.317 Million inclusive of furnishings and differential spares.

Air-India also propose to acquire three additional B 747 aircraft—one for delivery in December 1979 and two for delivery in March 1980 from the Boeing Airplane Co. USA at a total estimated cost of \$ 191.495 Million (Foreign Exchange Rs. 148 44 crores and Rupee expenditure Rs. 10.50 crores), inclusive of spare engines, spares, ground support and workshop equipment. The proposed acquisition of these additional aircraft is to cater to the Corporation's initial phase of re-equipment programme during the 6th Plan period on account of the need to phase out two of the older 707—420 aircraft and also to meet expansion needs. The proposal for the purchase of the above aircraft is under examination by the Government.

Report on location of Janata Hotel in Madras

*395. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau for parliamentary Works, Madras has requested during 1978 for the location of a Janata Hotel at site in Cathedral Road, 2265 LS—2.

Madras where the Woodlands Drive-in Hotel is situated;

(b) whether the Committee for the location of the Janata Hotel inspected this site; and

(c) the details of the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) to (c). No such request has been received from the Bureau for Parliamentary Works, Madras during 1978. However, the Government of Tamil Nadu recommended the selection of a site measuring approximately 3.4 acres for the construction of a Janata Hotel at Madras. The site is located adjacent to the Madras Corporation Building and the Central Railway Station. It will be inspected shortly by a team consisting of representatives of the State Government of Tamil Nadu, India Tourism Development Corporation and the Central Department of Tourism to assess its suitability.

Steps to make Small Savings Scheme more attractive

*396. SHRI HITENDRA DESAI:
SHRI C. K. JAFFAR
SHARIEF:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) do Government recognise the need to make small savings scheme more attractive; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQUARULLAH): (a) The small savings schemes are kept under constant review, and necessary steps are taken from time to time to make them more attractive.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.