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(b) if so, the progress made in this regard ; and

(c) when the decision is likely to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) to (c). Air-India has reserved two delivery positions for the Anglo-French Concorde. No decision has yet been taken on the purchase of the aircraft, and developments in this field are being watched.

### Statehood for Himachal Pradesh

#### \*432. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA : SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any progress has been made on the assurance given by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs at the time of discussion in the 7th Session of Fourth Lok Sabha on the Private Member Resolution proposing Statchood for Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether any joint meeting was held with the representatives of Himachal Pradesh (including M. Ps.) and the Himachal Pradesh Government and if so, what was the result of such consultations, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the question of awarding Statehood to Himachal Pradesh is under active consideration of the Government and if so, when a decision is likely to be reached ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c). A study of the financial position of Himachal Pradesh has been undertaken. After the study has been completed, it is proposed to discuss the question of financial viability of the Union Territory of Himachal Pradesh with the representatives of Himachal Pradesh Government in the first instance. Until this is done, it will not be possible to say as to whether Himachal Pradesh is financial viable or not.

### Muslim Majority District in Kerala

•433. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA : SHRI JAI SINGH :

# SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Muslim majority District of Malappuram on the demand of the Kerala Muslim League has been formed :

(b) whether it is a fact that those behind this move are the persons who in the past had pro-Pakistani feelings and had preached communal and separatist tendencies in the Indian politics :

(c) whether it is also a fact with the opening of an airport at Kun dotti, 30 K. M. from Calicut, Pakistan will have easy contact by air and sea with muslim majority areas in the South;

(d) whether the Central Government have drawn Kerala Chief Minister's attention to such dangers and the crmmunal tension which is likely to increase, specially when it is against the resolution of the National Integration Council; and

(e) if so, Kerala Chief Minister's reaction thereto and whether Government would lay the correspondence in this regard on the Table and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). The state Government have intimated that the district of Malappuram has been formed purely on administrative considerations.

(c) Attention is invited to the answer to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 44, dated 19th February, 1969.

(d) The formation of districts is within the competence of state governments. No communication was addressed to the State Chief Minister in connection with the formation of Malappuram district.

(c) Does not arise.

# दिल्ली में कालेओं की प्रबन्ध व्यवस्था

•434. थी सुरज मान :

भी जगम्नाच राव बोझी :

श्री घटल बिहारी बाजपेवी :

भी इज भूषए। लाल :

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ंश्वी राम गोपाल झालवाले : श्वी रएाजीत सिंह :

क्या शिक्षा तथा युवक सेवा मंत्री यह बताने की कपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या सरकार का घ्यान दिल्ली के मुख्य कार्यकारी पार्यंद के इस आशय के वक्तत्र्य की झोर दिलाया गया है कि विधि विशेषज्ञों की राय के ग्रनुसार दिल्ली प्रशासन के कालेज दिल्ली प्रशासन के नियंत्रएगाधीन होने चाहियें झौर इस बारे में दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय ढारा हाल ही में किये गये निर्एाय पर पुर्नीवचार किया जाना चाहिए; झौर

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में सरकार को क्या प्रतिकिया है ?

शिक्षा तथा युवक सेवा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भक्त वर्शन) : (क) दिल्ली के मुख्य कार्यकारी पार्पद ने ग्रन्य बातों के साथ-साथ राष्ट्रपति को, जो दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के विजि-टर हैं, "कालेजों ग्रीर संस्थाग्रो" से संबंधित संविधि 30 में विश्वविद्यालय ढारा सुफाए गए संशोधनों के विरुद्ध पत्र लिखा है ग्रीर ग्रनुरोध किया है कि विजिटर को संशोधन के संबंध में प्रपनी सहमति रोक लेनी चाहिए।

(ख) मामला विचाराधीन है।

Development of Road Transport in Chhota-nagpur and Santhal Parganas

\*435 SHRI KARTIK ORAON : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANS-PORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of deplorable condition of the road transport in Chhotanagpur and Santhal Parganas due to neglect by the State Government;

(b) whether the Central Government would find it expedient to develop this most backward area; and

(c) if so, whether the Central Government would earmark certain specified sum for the development of road transport in this area?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENT-ARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAGHURAMAIAH): (a) to (c). Since the executive responsibility in respect of road transport vests in the State Governments, the development of transport facilities in the areas mentioned in the Question essentially concerns the Government of Bihar. The information required is being obtained from them and will be laid on the table of the Sabha, when received.

# भ्रन्बमान तथा ग्रन्य द्वीपों में राष्ट्र विरोधी गतिविधियां

\*436. श्री म्रोम प्रकाश त्यागीः क्या गृह-कार्यमंत्रीयहबतानेकी कृपाकरेंगेकिः

(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि भारत में राप्ट्र-विरोधी तत्वों ने लक्का-दीव, ग्रन्दमान ग्रौर निकोबार तथा ग्रन्य द्वीपों को ग्रपनी गतिविधियों का केन्द्र बनाने का निर्एाय किया है ग्रोर वे इन स्थानों पर बड़ी संख्या में जा रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त ढीपों में मुरक्षा के लिए क्या प्रबन्ध किये हैं ;

(ग) उन द्वीपों की कुल संख्या कितनी है ; ग्रीर

(घ) कितने ढीपों में सुरक्षा चौकियां स्थापित की गई हैं ?

गृह कार्यमंत्री (श्रीयशवन्तराव खव्हाण): (क) सरकार के पास ऐसी कोई सूचना नहीं है।

(ख) फिर भी सरकार ने इन द्वीपों की सुरक्षा के लिए पर्याप्त प्रबन्ध किये हैं झौर समय-समय पर उनका पुनरीक्षणा करती रहती है।

(ग) नौसेनः जलसर्वेक्षरण कार्यालय द्वारा द्वीपों का एक प्राधिकृत सर्वेक्षरण किया जा रहा है। वर्तमान में उपलब्ध सूचना के मनुसार प्रध्न के माग (क) में उल्लिखित द्वीपों की कुल संस्था प्रवाल-मित्ति, बालू तटों इत्यादि को ध्वोड़कर 371 है।