

(ख) यदि हां, तो समिति के निर्देश-पद क्या हैं; और

(ग) समिति के सदस्यों के नाम क्या हैं;

साद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्ना-साहिब शिन्दे (क) जी हां, शायद माननीय सदस्य का आशय भूमि अधिग्रहण अधिनियम, 1894 सम्बन्धी समिति की स्थापना के प्रस्ताव से है।

(ख) और (ग). मामले पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

#### **Smuggling of Foodstuffs to China**

**\*322. Shri Samar Guha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently smuggling of foodgrains, oil, sugar, salt and other foodstuffs, to China-occupied Tibet across Sikkim and Darjeeling borders has increased;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Indian businessmen in collusion with the Chinese agents have established a few centres of blackmarketing in these hill areas; and

(c) if so, the steps which Government have taken to haul up these blackmarketees and give them exemplary punishment and stop such smuggling?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No, Sir. As far as Government is aware, it is not a fact.

(b) The Government have no such information.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Viscounts**

**\*323. Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:**  
**Shri Hakim Chand Kachwai:**

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines Corporation had to incur a loss of Rs. one crore and eleven lakhs on account of the operation of Viscounts in 1966-67; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) and (b). There was a loss of Rs. 111.61 lakhs in the operation of Viscounts by the Indian Airlines Corporation during 1965-66. With the introduction of Caravelles on the trunk routes the Viscounts had to be diverted mostly to short-haul regional routes. Due to a lower load factor on the regional routes there was a drop in revenue. This, coupled with increased cost of operation, was mainly responsible for this loss.

#### **Freight Rates**

**\*325. Shri Indrajit Gupta:**  
**Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Shippers' Conference has decided to increase their freight rates;

(b) if so, the extent to which this is likely to put up India's import bill; and

(c) steps, if any, taken at Government and trade levels to lessen the impact of the anticipated blow to our balance of trade?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) to (c). The following three Conferences serving the India-USA trade have announced their intention to increase their