

**Shri Shyam Dhar Mishra:** The help is determined on the basis of performance of States and the possibilities of production in those States.

Ilyushin 18 for L. A. C.

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\*126. **Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:**  
**Shri Bagri:**  
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**Shri Kishen Pattnayak:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shri Hem Barua:**  
**Shri Karni Singhji:**

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1950 on the 7th December, 1965 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken for the purchase of Ilyushin 18 from the U.S.S.R.;

(b) if so, its details;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) to (d). No decision could be taken as Government are still awaiting additional particulars of this aircraft, with particular reference to the modifications suggested by the Corporation and the cost of the aircraft as a result thereof.

**श्री रामसेवक यादव :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस मामले पर गवर्नमेंट द्वारा कब तक फसला ले लिया जायगा और रास्ते में क्या बीज बाधा डाल रही है ?

**Shri C. M. Poonacha:** I would request the hon. Member to repeat his question.

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** कब तक फसला ले लिया जायगा और रास्ते में कौन सी बीजों बाधा डाल रही है ?

**Shri C. M. Poonacha:** We have made certain suggestions to the manufacturers in USSR. As soon as we receive their reply as to the modifications that could possibly be adopted in this particular type of aircraft and the resultant extra cost that would arise thereby, we would be able to take a decision on the matter.

**श्री रामसेवक यादव :** क्या इस तरीके से किसी दूसरे देश से भी बातचीत चल रही है और यदि चल रही है तो उन देशों से मिलने वाले जहाजों की कीमत इल्युशिन 18 के मुकाबले में सुविधाजनक होगी ?

**Shri C. M. Poonacha:** At the moment we are considering the purchase of other types of aircraft also but this particular aircraft is found to be very suitable for certain trunk routes. All these available details would be carefully examined before a decision is taken.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Desert Development Authority

\*127. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Linga Reddy:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up a Desert Development Authority has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the basis of its composition, its functions as well as the estimated outlay and expected results of the scheme?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri**