

the British firm to purchase these aircraft at a price of Rs. 75,000 per aircraft and it was not accepted by the Indian Airlines Corporation and, if so, the reason for the rejection of this offer?

Shri Mohiuddin: I am not sure of the offer the hon. Member is referring efforts through various agencies to dispose of these aircrafts. As far as this particular case is concerned, I know that no firm offer was received.

Shri Kadiyan: May I know whether any offer has come from within the country?

Shri Mohiuddin: I have no knowledge about it.

Shri Tangamani: The hon. Deputy Minister said on 11th December, 1957 that the IAC have decided to dispose of the Viking planes. On 4th March we were told that 12 planes have been grounded, 7 in Delhi and 5 in Bombay. May I know how long it will take to dispose off these 12 planes?

Shri Mohiuddin: As I have just now mentioned, the Corporation is making all efforts to sell them. As the hon. Member knows, the demand for piston-engined aircraft is not keen now-a-days. But it is expected that if any reasonable offer is received they will be disposed of.

श्री जोकीम अलवा : क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि अभी पिछले दिनों डेकोटा की खरीद के बारे में प्रनडिडारेडुल ऐक्टिविटीज की शिकायत सुनने में आई थी और क्या गवर्नमेंट ने इस विषय में माबवानी बर्ती है कि बहो मैलप्रेक्टिसेज की शिकायतें वाइकिंग ऐयर क्राफ्ट के परबेजेज के सिलसिले में न रिपीट हों और उनको बंद करने के लिए गवर्नमेंट ने क्या एप्रोप्रियेट डिमीशन लिया है ?

Shri Mohiuddin: That is exactly the reason why we do not want to raise any controversy. We are more careful about it.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that Viking aircrafts are unsuitable for tropical conditions and, if so, whether this fact was assessed before acquiring these Viking aircrafts.

Shri Mohiuddin: As far as our experience of the Viking is concerned, they have served us very well and they are very good aircraft for the tropical countries.

Training Course at Civil Aviation Training Centre, Allahabad

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*1929. { **Shri Amar:**
 Shri Vajpayee:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that two years' flying training course which commenced at the Civil Aviation Training Centre, Allahabad in January, 1957 has still not been completed, so far;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof, and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Out of a total of 14 trainees, 6 have so far completed their training and the remaining eight will be completing it within the next three months.

(b) The delay has partly been due to the trainees failing in their technical examinations. A temporary shortage of flying instructors has also been a contributory cause.

(c) Necessary action is being taken to complete the course as early as possible.

Shri Joachim Alva: Are Government aware that we have a large number of boys wanting to be trained in civil aviation? I find that Government have not put up a first rate up to date modern school in India. May I know the reasons for the defects of this training, especially in the matter of navigational coaching?

Shri Mohiuddin: I am sure that hon. Members are aware that our Central Aviation Training School at Allahabad is giving very good training, and there is improvement in the standard of training from time to time. As far as number is concerned, of course, the number of admissions is restricted according to the capacity of the institution as well as according to the anticipated absorption of those trained students in civil aviation.

Road Development Plan

*1222. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 449 on the 19th February, 1959 and state:

(a) whether Government have since finalised the consideration of the new long-term road development plan for India prepared and submitted by a Committee of Engineers; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The matter is still under examination and is expected to take some time as it involves consultation with various Central and State Authorities.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether the opinions of the various State Governments have been received and, if so, from whom?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We have received opinions of some of our Ministries Ministry of Health etc. We are expecting replies from the State Governments.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether it is being considered by a non-official committee or a committee of the department?

Shri Raj Bahadur: At the moment, we have only invited the reaction

or the opinions in regard to the various proposals incorporated in the Plan from the State Governments as well as from certain Ministries of the Central Government.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know the anticipated cost for its implementation?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The total cost will roughly be Rs. 5,200 crores. for the 20 year plan.

श्री भक्त बख्श : श्रीमान्, जैसा कि माननीय मंत्री ने बताया कि इस नई सड़क योजना पर ५२०० करोड़ रुपये लगेंगे तो क्या इस सम्बन्ध में योजना आयोग ने कोई परामर्श किया गया है या उन्होंने कोई प्रावधान दिया है कि इतने रुपये की व्यवस्था की जा सकेगी ?

श्री राज बहादुर : योजना आयोग से प्रथम परामर्श किया जायगा किन्तु उसके पहले यह आवश्यकता समझी गई कि राज्य सरकारों एवं केन्द्रीय मंत्रालयों से जो कि इससे सम्बन्धित है उनसे इस विषय में पूछताछ की जाय और उनकी राय ली जाय ।

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that the recommendations made by the Chief Engineers were examined by the Masani Committee also?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I do not think road transport should be confused with the road plan.

श्री ए० सु० तारिक : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस बक्त हिन्दुस्तान और काश्मीर के दरमियान जो एक ही रास्ता जम्मू काश्मीर रोड है तो इस सिलसिले में क्या हुकमत काश्मीर ने प्राय से दरखास्त की है कि वह पुराना रास्ता जिसको कि मुख्य रास्ता कहा जाता है उसको डेवलप किया जाय जो कि कांगडा से बराह राखत काश्मीर जाता है ?