

have started taking to prevent accidents after crash of Air-India aircraft and explosions in luggage and cargo ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): Although security measures had already been tightened at our airports in the context of the present situation, more stringent steps are being taken to review and strengthen the security arrangements. State Governments and Union Territories have been requested to ensure effective enforcement of security arrangements at the airports within their jurisdiction. More X-Ray equipment and explosive sniffers (PD-4) are being obtained. Baggage will be personally identified by passengers before it is taken into the aircraft. Air carriers have been asked to advise the travelling public not to accept baggage and parcels or any other items from anybody. Dogs have been trained for sniffing explosives.

Instructions have been issued to all airports to instal and commission X-Ray Baggage machines with immediate effect either by purchasing, leasing or taking on hire.

#### Invitation of China to Open Consulates

313. SHRI C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has invited India to open its consulates in Shanghai and Tibet;

(b) the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether China has also made her desire known that her top leader might meet our Prime Minister ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b). The Chinese Government has proposed that China and India should re-establish Consulates in each other's countries. Government of India are studying the Chinese proposal.

(c) The Prime Minister has been invited by the Chinese Premier to visit China.

#### Construction of Hostels for SC/ST Students

314. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have fixed any ceiling for construction of hostels for SC & ST students in the planes and hilly areas in the country;

(b) the maximum amount allocated in 1985-86 to the different States for construction of hostels for SC & ST boys and girls; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). An allocation of Rs. 5 crores has been made for 1985-86 for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of construction of hostels for SC & ST girls. There is no such scheme in the Central Sector for boys. The grant-in-aid, admissible under the scheme, is given to the State Governments is on the basis of their proposals and no State-wise allocation is made in advance.

The ceiling fixed for grant-in-aid under the scheme is as under :

Type of Construction	Ceiling of grant-in-aid per student	
	Plain Area Rs.	Hilly Area Rs.
(i) For accommodation only.	5,200	5,680
(ii) For accommodation plus ancillary facilities like dining hall, kitchen, sanitary block, common room etc.	7,150	7,790

#### Air Services between India and East Asia Region

315. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;