

factor on the India-USA, India-Singapore and India-West Africa routes was 74.2%, 70.4% respectively. These high load factors indicate necessity to have more aircraft capacity.

(b) Air India had placed an order for six Airbus A310-300 aircraft. Five of these aircraft have already been inducted in service gradually from April, 1986. Sixth aircraft is expected to be received shortly. With the approval of Government, Air India has placed a letter of intent with Boeing company to purchase two Boeing 747-300 aircraft for delivery in 1988. Air-India is also contemplating acquisition of suitable Boeing 747-200 aircraft as replacement for the lost aircraft 'Kanishka'.

(c) It is difficult to estimate the loss due to shortage of aircraft.

#### Farmers' Participation in Water Distribution

1519. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDY :  
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI :  
DR. CHINTA MOHAN :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated for participation of farmers in the distribution of irrigation water ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :  
(a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme a scheme has been formulated to provide Central assistance to the States on matching basis for management expenses of the Farmers' associations at Rs. 100 per hectare for the first two years and Rs. 75 per hectare for the third year.

#### Bus Services From Airports

1520. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDY :  
DR. D.N. REDDY :  
SHRI SRI HARI RAO :  
SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO :

Will the of Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether bus services for the benefit of air passengers have been provided at all the major airports of the country connecting the respective air terminals with the city centres, railway stations and hotels ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYLER) : (a) and (b) Indian Airlines provides coach service to passengers, on payment of charges, from City office to Airport at the time of arrival and departure of flights at all airports except Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras. At Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi, M/s Ex-Servicemen Airlink Transport Services (EATS) are providing bus/coach services from airport to the city centre which also connects important hotels. At Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport Delhi, M/s EATS are also providing coach service between the two terminals for the benefit of passengers. At Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi, Delhi Transport Corporation also runs buses at frequent intervals from airport terminal to New Delhi and Old Delhi railway stations and the Inter-State Bus Terminal. At Madras Airport, M/s Pallavan Transport a State Government Transport Undertaking, is providing bus services for the passengers.

#### Sinking of Cargo vessel M.V. Vishva Anurag of Shipping Corporation of India

1521. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI :  
SHRI P.M. SAYEED :  
SHRI BALASHEB VIKHEPATIL :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :