

vators. The suggestion was to popularise containers which would be rodent-proof and would also enable fumigation of the foodgrains. Metal containers of one ton capacity referred to in the question would be one type of containers which would satisfy these requirements. The Government of Punjab have not yet communicated their reactions to this suggestion but are likely to finalise their views shortly.

(b) In relation to conventional methods, metal containers are mobile, light, rodent and damp proof and further capable of allowing fumigation.

(c) The question of making any subsidies available for such containers would be considered by the State Governments along with the proposal for popularising such containers in the States.

#### International Tourist Week in Delhi

487. Shri P. K. Deo;  
Shri G. C. Naik;  
Shri K. P. Singh Deo;  
Shri A. Dipa;

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

(a) whether the International Tourist Week has been inaugurated in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the programme and the amount spent in that respect;

(c) whether more tourists were attracted because of the celebrations; and

(d) if so, how does it compare with the tourist traffic in the corresponding period of the last year?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) Yes, Sir. The International Tourist Week in Delhi was inaugurated on March 19, 1967.

(b) The details of the programme of the International Tourist Week are given in the Annexure appended.

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The expenditure incurred on International Tourist Week in Delhi was approximately Rs. 17,000 including amount spent on holding the International Tourist Poster Exhibition. This excludes the expenditure incurred by various private organisations which were co-operating in the celebration of International Tourist Week.

(c) and (d). It is not possible to give any figures of the tourists who were attracted specifically because of the celebrations. Furthermore, it is too early to judge the impact of the celebrations in Delhi and other parts of India on the tourist arrivals. The various facilities, concessions and other activities which are being observed as part of ITY are likely to show their results by the end of the year when it will be possible to compare the tourist arrivals with last year.

#### Operational Standard of I.A.C.

488. Shri Surendra Kumar  
Tapurlah;  
Shri Meetha Lal Meena;

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite increasing traffic there is a deterioration in the Indian Airlines Corporation standards of operation, efficiency, passenger's comfort and meals; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve them?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) and (b). There has been no deterioration in the standards laid down for operational safety and efficiency. Care is also taken to ensure that standards of passengers' comforts, meals and other amenities are not allowed to deteriorate. Whenever complaints are received from passengers about lapses on the part of the Corporation's staff these are enquired into and remedial action taken according to the nature of the complaint.