

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir. A B. O. A. C. VC-10 Jet aircraft was hijacked on 9th September, 1970, while on a scheduled flight from Bahrein to Beirut.

(b) There were 52 Indians on board the hijacked aircraft. They were well treated and promptly released.

(c) Security arrangements have been strengthened at our international airports. Government views all such acts with deep concern since they constitute a grave hazard to persons on board the aircraft as well as on the ground. Accordingly, it has condemned all acts of unlawful interference with international civil aviation, including what is commonly known as hijacking. The Government of India has participated in international efforts towards evolving a suitable solution to this serious problem and it will continue to do so.

#### Aid by West Germany

1682. SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN :  
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bonn (West Germany) has agreed to give more aid to India this year ;

(b) if so, to what extent ; and

(c) how Government of India propose to utilise that loan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. An Agreement concerning financial assistance to India for 1970-71, totalling DM 270 million (Rs. 55.35 crores) as compared to DM 250 million (Rs. 51.25 crores) for the previous year, was signed between the Government of India and the Government of Federal Republic of Germany in New Delhi on the 19th Novem-

ber, 1970. The amount is to be used as follows :

- (i) Rs. 17.73 crores (DM 86.5 million) as commodity aid for purchase of goods and services ;
- (ii) Rs. 12.3 crores (DM 60 million) for projects to be mutually agreed ;
- (iii) Rs. 3.075 crores (DM 15 million) for loans to small and medium sized industries by the Industrial Finance Corporation of India, the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India and the National Small Industries Corporation ;
- (iv) Rs. 3.075 crores (DM 15 million) for the import of plant and machinery as approved by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Capital Goods ;
- (v) Rs. 15.64 crores (DM 76.3 million) towards deferment of certain instalments of repayment of principal in respect of earlier German Credits maturing between 1st April, 1970 and 31st March, 1971 ; and
- (vi) Rs. 3.53 crores (DM 17.2 million) towards reduction of interest payment on certain German Credits falling due between 1st April, 1970 and 31st March, 1971.

#### World highway conference in Canada

1683. SHRI. N. R. LASKAR : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether a six-day Conference was held in Canada in the month of October, 1970 on World Highway ;

(b) if so, what were the subjects discussed ; and

(c) how many countries participated in the Conference ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following themes were discussed at the Conference :

- (1) Road Safety.
- (2) Urban Mobility.
- (3) Development and Conservation of Resources.
- (4) Roads and the Environment.

(c) Sixtyfive.

#### Air Traffic between Delhi and Calcutta

1684. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the air traffic between Delhi and Calcutta is heavy and there is always pressure on booking of seats on this route ;

(b) whether Delhi-Calcutta flights are linked with corresponding air services from Calcutta to North Bengal, Assam, Tripura and Orissa ;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to increase the number of IAC flights between Delhi and Calcutta as existing between Delhi and Bombay ; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Indian Airlines propose to increase the capacity on the Delhi-Calcutta route in the first half of 1971 on receipt of its Boeing 737 aircraft.

#### Setting up of Son-Et-Lumiere Show in Calcutta for display of light and sound performance

1685. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government assured on the floor of the House that a Son-et-lumiere show will be set up in Calcutta for display of light

and sound performance for the citizens of Calcutta and the tourists visiting that city ;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in fulfilling the promise ; and

(c) the steps taken so far by Government for setting up Son-et-lumiere in Calcutta and when the promise will be fulfilled ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) No such assurance was made.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### एक सीमा शुल्क अधिकारी की पत्नी से स्वर्ण बिस्कुटों का बरामद होना

1686. श्री मोलहू प्रसाद : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 26 अगस्त, 1970 के दैनिक "हिन्दुस्तान" में "आबकारी अफसर की पत्नी से सोने के बिस्कुट बरामद" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल) : (क) तथा (ख). जी, हां। मामले के तथ्य ये हैं कि एक पूर्व सूचना के आधार पर कार्यवाही करते हुए रेलवे पुलिस के अधिकारियों ने 24 अगस्त, 1970 को उज्जैन में तैनात एक केन्द्रीय उत्पादन शुल्क निरीक्षक की पत्नी और दो पुत्रियों द्वारा ले जाए जा रहे हेण्ड बैगों में से, उज्जैन रेलवे स्टेशन पर 3,386 रुपये के मूल्य की 30 कलाई घड़ियां तथा विदेशी सोने के 75 बिस्कुट पकड़े गये, जिनका भारतीय बाजार दर पर मूल्य 1,57,500 रुपये था। इन स्त्रियों को रेलवे पुलिस द्वारा गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया और बाद में मैजिस्ट्रेट द्वारा जमानत पर छोड़ दिया