

the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Bangladesh arrived at an understanding for sharing of Ganga Water at Farakka for the next three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) & (b) India and Bangladesh have decided to have a joint study by experts of the two sides of the available water resources common to both countries, with a view to identifying alternatives for the sharing of the same to mutual benefit, including a long-term scheme/schemes for augmentation of the flows of the Ganga at Farakka, and to share the Ganga Waters available at Farakka for the next three dry seasons on the same terms as 1982 Memorandum of Understanding.

Incentives for family planning

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NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the new incentives proposed to be offered in 1985-86 and 1986-87 to make family planning measures more effective; and

(b) the financial implications of these incentives ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) & (b) No new scheme for giving incentives for promoting family planning has been finalised.

Requirement of additional fleet by Indian Airlines

*469. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the requirements of additional fleet of the Indian Airlines Corporation;

(b) the steps being taken to acquire the additional fleet; and

(c) from which countries the additional fleet is proposed to be acquired and at what cost ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) At the projected growth rate of 10. % per annum, Indian Airlines will require capacity equivalent to 31 Airbus A-320 aircraft by 1991.

(b) Indian Airlines, with the approval of the Government, has already placed a Letter of Intent on M/s Airbus Industrie for the acquisition of 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft on a firm basis with an option on another 12.

(c) Airbus A-320 aircraft are proposed to be acquired from M/s Airbus Industrie, a consortium owned by the Government of France, West Germany, United Kingdom and Spain. The project cost of acquisition of 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft is Rs. 1238 37 crores.

Countries giving recognition to ‘Mercy Killing’

*4640. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) which are the countries that have given recognition to “mercy killing” ;

(b) what are the common conditions accepted by these countries under which “mercy killing” is justifiable; and

(c) whether our Government have considered extending recognition to “mercy killing” under any circumstances and if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The Government are not aware as to which countries have given recognition to “mercy killing”. The Government do not have any proposal under considera-