

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : I am sorry to say that while the former Minister Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao had a national outlook, we find that Mr. Varadaraja Rao, the present Member is very parochial and gerrymandering in the sense that he wants an engineering college for recruiting personnel for Bellary alone. While there are thousands of unemployed engineers, what necessitates the setting up of an engineering college in Bellary alone ?

SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : The hon. Member will have appreciated that I have made it clear that no decision has been taken as yet on starting it, that is, on whether it is necessary to start a new college in Bellary at all. But I think the hon. Member also knows that there is a regional engineering college in Salem also. So, so far as Salem is concerned, I think that job is done already.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Expenditure Incurred on Hangar Complex at Bombay

*873. **SHRI M. M. HASHIM :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the hangar complex at Bombay has been completed ;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred thereon ; and

(c) the number of aircrafts to be accommodated in the hangar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI) : (a) The hangar complexes of Air India and Indian Airlines under construction at Bombay Airport are expected to be ready by December 1971.

(b) The cost of the Air India hangar complex is estimated at Rs. 153.8 lakhs while that of the Indian Airlines complex (excluding the cost of adjoining apron and connecting taxi-tracks) at Rs. 124 lakh.

(c) The Air India hangar will be able to

accommodate one Boeing 747 at a time. The Indian Airlines hangar will be able to accommodate up to 10 aircraft of all types including a few Caravelles, even.

Increased Assistance from France through Aid India Consortium

*878. **SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :**

SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether France has agreed to raise its share of aid to India through the Aid India Consortium ;

(b) if so, whether France was the only member of the Consortium which had indicated an increase in the share of aid this year ; and

(c) what is the extent of increase in aid offered by France to India ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Increase in aid by France to India for 1971-72 amounts to Rs. 2.70 crores (FF 20 million) as compared to the level of her aid for 1970-71.

Apart from France, Canada, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, UK, USA, and the International Development Association have indicated increased assistance to India for the year 1971-72 as compared to the year 1970-71. The indications of aid by members of the Aid India Consortium are, however, tentative and are subject to necessary approvals by respective Governments. The increased aid by the International Development Association is subject to timely replenishment of its resources by Member Countries.

Taxation Commission

*893. **SHRI RAMCHANDRAN KADANNAPPALLI :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered any proposal to have a Taxation Commission in the country ; and