

(b) if so, the ports selected for the purpose?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A quantity of 0.71 million tonnes of coal is expected to be moved on the coast from Calcutta/Haldia Ports for unloading at Tuticorin and Bhavnagar.

Setting up of News Bureau by A.I.R. to cater to District-wise News

*559. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Radio plans to build up a News Bureau through a net-work of news service in every State, and in every district to cater to district-wise news; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). AIR has a network of 87 full-time and 194 part-time correspondents spread all over the country. Of the full-time correspondents, 13 are at Headquarters, 40 at State/Union Territory capitals and 34 in other towns.

The number of part-time correspondents in districts has increased from 90 to 194 in the past three months. Another 45 part-time correspondents are in the process of being appointed. With this, 228 districts of the country will be covered. The remaining 122 districts are proposed to be covered subject to availability of resources during the second phase of the expansion programme to be taken up in due course.

भारतीय वायु सेना के लड़ाकू विमान

* 560. श्री श्रीम प्रकाश ख्यामी : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पाकिस्तानी वायुसेना के पास भारतीय वायु सेना के लड़ाकू विमानों

की तुलना में अधिक तीव्रगामी और अधिक दूरी तक मारक क्षमता वाले लड़ाकू विमान हैं; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो भारत की सुरक्षा के लिए भारतीय वायु सेना की इस कमी को दूर करने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) :

(क) और (ख). समाचारों के अनुसार, पाकिस्तान के पास ऐसे विमान हैं जिनका मारक क्षमता भारतीय वायु सेना के विमानों की अपेक्षा अधिक दूरी तक की है भले ही गति में वे भारतीय वायु सेना के विमानों के समान ही हैं। परन्तु हम अपने देश पर पड़ने वाले किसी भी खतरे का सामना करने के लिए पूरी तरह से तैयार हैं।

Delay in Completion of Idukki Project

*561. SHRI SHIV SAMPATI RAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Kerala has suffered a loss of about Rs. 100 crores because of delay in completing the Idukki project;

(b) the original schedule for the completion of the Idukki dam;

(c) whether Government have looked into the reasons for delay in the construction of the Idukki dam; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto and steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). The Kerala authorities have intimated that, as per their assessment, the Idukki Hydro-electric Project would have yielded an annual revenue of about Rs. 20 crores if it had been