

mands that those schools had been opened. I think the hon. Member is aware that this subject has been discussed a great deal. I think one of my predecessors was very keen that education should be made a concurrent subject but practically every State Government has refused to accept the proposition. As far as I am concerned, I have no intention of asking the State Governments to accept education as a concurrent subject. I think it is all right where it is.

**श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, धीनगर में आयोजित राष्ट्रीय एकता-परिषद् की बैठक में यह शिकायत की गई थी कि अलग अलग राज्यों के पाठ्यक्रम में ऐसी बातों का समावेश किया गया है जो राष्ट्रीय एकता को मजबूत नहीं करती, जिन के बारे में भिन्न-भिन्न वर्गों को शिकायत है। इस आधार पर यह शिकायत की गई थी कि एक यूनिफार्म करिकुलम, समान पाठ्यक्रम होना चाहिये। इस में राज्यों के ऊपर कुछ लादने की बात नहीं है। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि सभी राज्यों में समान पाठ्यक्रम हो, एक स्थान से पुस्तकें खिचाने के बारे में तय किया जाये और सभी राज्यों में एक ही पुस्तकें चले, इस बारे में उन्होंने क्या प्रयत्न किया है? क्या राज्य सरकारें इस का भी विरोध कर रही हैं?

**DR. V. K. R. V. RAO :** As the hon. Member is aware, this is a matter where you can only proceed on the path of persuasion and not dictation. What we have been trying to do in the Education Ministry is this: model syllabi have been prepared for different stages of school education in subjects like social studies, general science, physics, biology, etc. Also, a number of projects have been undertaken for the preparation of text-books. Further, following the recommendations of the National Integration Council, we have appointed a National Board for school text-books with all the Education Ministers as mem-

bers, and this Board is going to meet in Delhi on the 5th of April, and one of the problems which it will be discussing is precisely the subject which the hon. Member has raised.

#### SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

##### Decision of International Airlines to overfly Dum Dum Airport

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SNQ. 11. SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-DHURI :

SHRI D. N. PATODIA :

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a reported decision of the International Airlines operating through Calcutta to overfly Dum Dum if absolute protection in Dum Dum Airport area was not guaranteed by the authorities concerned, following alleged invasion of the Dum Dum Airport including its runway by a large crowd and complete lack of security arrangements on the 11th March, 1969 when the heroes of the rowing boat to Andamans arrived at Dum Dum;

(b) whether the Director General of Civil Aviation has received any representation from the Airlines Committee of the International Airlines in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter ?

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

(a) Government are not aware of any such decision on the part of the international airlines operating through Calcutta.

(b) and (c). A signal was received by the Director General of Civil Aviation from Lufthansa airline, on behalf of the Airline Operators' Committee at Calcutta, complain-

ing about the danger posed by the incident of 11th March, 1969 when a large gathered at the runway to welcome the heroes of the rowing expedition to the Andamans.

(b) A senior officer of the Civil Aviation Department discussed the matter with the Home Secretary and Inspector General of Police of West Bengal who visited the Dum Dum Airport for an on the spot study. To prevent recurrence of such incidents the following immediate steps were agreed upon :

- (i) Strengthening of Police Security forces as and when the situation demanded;
- (ii) Strengthening of operational fencing at selected places;
- (iii) Avoiding reception at the apron as far as possible. Where such receptions become imperative, plans will be chalked out well in advance with the Aerodrome authorities, and the Police would cordon off the area.

**SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU DHURI :** Sir, already, many of the foreign airlines have wanted to by-pass Calcutta by taking the Bangkok-Dacca-Katmandu route, and an incident like this will naturally make them do so still further. I want to know how it will affect our tourist traffic. Has the Minister made any assessment of it ?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** I do not really think that this one incident need be magnified out of proportion. We have few enough genuine heroes left in the country, and when they did come, there were a group of young, over-enthusiastic people who went out into the airport. But I must say that the question which the hon. Member has raised is valid: this sort of incident, whatever may be the motive behind it, does have some inhibiting effect on the airlines, and therefore, we do our best to avoid it.

**SHRI D. N. PATODIA :** The hon. Minister said that a message was received ..  
(*Interruption*)

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** What about the first questioner herself ? She did not have the guts to put a second question ?

**MR SPEAKER :** I cannot compel her. She did not get up.

**SHRI D. N. PATODIA :** The hon. minister referred to the message received by the Director-General, Civil Aviation, from the Airline Operators' Committee. May I know whether that message contained a reference to several such incidents in the recent past, which involved danger to security ? If that is correct, when and which of the airports were involved in such incidents and what action was taken by the Government at those points of time to ensure that such things did not repeat ?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** The message which was received related only to this particular incident. It did not mention any other incident.

**SHRI D. N. PATODIA :** Sir, permit me to quote the telegram which has been reported in the newspapers :

The Airlines Committee in a telegram to the Director-General of Civil Aviation said :

"Strongly object against the security measures taken by Aerodrome Officer, Calcutta on the occasion of arrival of Indian rowers from Port Blair. Aerodrome Officer, Calcutta, failed to realise the dangers from the airline operators' point of view. Appreciate your looking into this matter in view of other recent incidents indicating lack of security."

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** There are no other incidents, as far as I know, which have taken place in Calcutta.

**SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :** I am glad the hon. Minister does not take an alarming view of enthusiastic display of emotions by the people of Calcutta. I am sure if Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri had gone expedition to the Andams, on her return would have got a more enthusiastic rece

and if she did not get it, probably she would have wondered what was wrong with the Indian youth. Sir, may I know why is it that every year this sort of campaign is started by the airlines that want to overfly Calcutta? Last year also this sort of news appeared in the press that certain airlines had decided not to land at Calcutta. This time, though officially the Government has not received any information, this sort of news has been sought to be propagated through newspapers. What is the reason behind it. Is it that their earnings from Calcutta are going down or have tourists and people from foreign airlines been put to any difficulty there?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** This is a matter which is indeed causing to us that there is a tendency on the part of some international airlines to try and move away from Calcutta. As far as we are concerned, we have strongly resisted this. As you know, Sir, airlines operate in this country as a result of mutual arrangements, according to which we operate in their countries airline if it does not want to do so. But we are strongly resisting efforts to move away from Calcutta. As to why the airlines do it, it is a matter which each airline has to decide for itself. It is not for me to explain their motives.

**SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SALVE :** What is your assessment?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** There is a new Intercontinental hotel which has come up in Dacca—I do not know; maybe it is empty at the moment—it is becoming popular. One reason may be that people go to Dacca and from there they go to Kathmandu, which is becoming increasingly popular from the tourist point of view and from there they come to Delhi. That might have led to a certain deduction in number. But in spite of the fact that the number of foreign airlines has decreased from 13 to 11, the number of frequencies of foreign airlines from Calcutta still remains the same today as it was. Our effort is as much as possible we should encourage these airlines.

**SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :** In view of the fact that this question arises on account

of the incidents that happened on the arrival of the two heroes, Lt. Duke and Pinaki Ranjan Chatterjee, I would like to pay my tribute to these youths, who have done signal honour to the youth of India by their bravery, courage and endurance. But what is the security arrangement in Calcutta? In Bombay the airport is supposed to be under the jurisdiction of four police stations and whenever any incident happens, the aerodrome officer has to run to all the four police stations, without knowing whom to contact and what to do.

In this context, may I know are the arrangements that exist in Calcutta regarding the security arrangements and what are the new steps which the Government propose to take?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** As for the homage to these two heroes, it was certainly a very fine achievement. The security arrangements at the airport are essentially the responsibility of the State Government. There are the Superintendent of Police, Barrackpore and the Superintendent of Police, 24 Parganas—these are the two areas immediately affected. But our instructions to the Aerodrome Officer are that whenever necessary he would contact the nearest police station. I would like to clarify that there is no question of our having been able to complain of any lack of cooperation from the local police. Whenever necessary that cooperation has been forthcoming. This particular thing was an unusual incident when thousands of youngsters went to the airport to greet these heroes. Nobody could have anticipated this.

**SHRI TRIDIB KUMAR CHAUDHURI :** The hon. Minister referred to the recent unwillingness evinced by foreign airlines to touch Calcutta and to overfly Calcutta. May I know how far it is due to the lack of proper terminal facilities in Calcutta? May I also know at what stage the construction of the terminal building is and when it is going to be commissioned? The hon. Minister was recently at Calcutta and he made certain complimentary references to the City also. We are grateful to him for that. But may I know, so far as the terminal facilities are concerned, at what stage the construction of the terminal building is and when it is likely to be completed?

DR. KARAN SINGH : The new terminal building at Dum Dum which is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.67 crores is likely to be commissioned some time in 1970. My information is that as on today 92 per cent of the work has been completed. But the figure tends to be somewhat misleading because while the basic work may be there. The finishing touches, the interior decoration and so on usually take a longer time than is expected. I am hoping that the new building will be commissioned as early as possible in 1970. I entirely agree with the hon. Member that as and when this new terminal building comes up it will certainly be an additional incentive for foreign airlines to function.

श्री मधु लिमये : क्या मंत्री महोदय को पता है कि जब अपन देश के बड़े लोग, मंत्री हों या गवर्नर हों, हवाई जहाज से प्रवास करने के लिए निकलते हैं, तब उनके साथ बहुत सारे लोग हवाई जहाज तक चले जाते हैं, सुरक्षा कानूनों का उल्लंघन करके और इससे दुर्घटनाओं का खतरा बढ़ता है ? क्या मंत्री महोदय इस प्रकार के नए हुकम जारी करेंगे जिसमें भविष्य में इस तरह दूसरे लोग इन बड़े लोगों के साथ न जायें ? इसके लिए एक ही अपवाद हो। जब विदेशों से किसी राज्य का अध्यक्ष आए, हैड आफ़ दी स्टेट आए तब तो बात समझ में आती है लेकिन अपने देश के लोग जब जाते हैं, तो क्या मंत्री महोदय इसके ऊपर रोक लगायेंगे ?

डा० कर्ण सिंह : जी हाँ, माननीय सदस्य ने जो बात कही है ठीक कही है। हमारे देश में कुछ यह परम्परा चली आ रही है या बन गई है कि जब भी कोई विदेश जाए तो बहुत से लोग उस प्रवेत रेखा को पार करके चले जाते हैं जो कि लक्ष्मण रेखा हमने बनाई है। उससे आगे जाने से भ्रम होने का भी खतरा आजकल पैदा हो गया है। इसका कारण यह है कि आजकल जो नए नए हवाई जहाज बने हैं वे इतने जबदस्त हैं किसी न किसी दिन ऐसा न हो कि कोई संसद सदस्य या कोई और उनकी चपेट में आ जाए।

इसलिए हमारा यत्न है कि जब भी कोई ऐसी बात हो कि जब कोई हवाई जहाज से जाए तो लोग एयरपोर्ट तक तो अवश्य जायें और उसको विनम्र रूप में प्रणाम भी करें लेकिन ऐसा रेखा के इस ओर से ही किया जाए।

श्री मधु लिमये : हुकम जारी करेंगे ?

डा० कर्ण सिंह : जी हाँ।

श्री मधु लिमये : धन्यवाद।

SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOUDHURI : We are all one with the House that we admire these heroes who have done this feat to the Andamans. But I would like to know one thing. The hon. Minister was pleased to state that he got every co-operation from the security point of view from the West Bengal Government. But may I bring to his notice one thing ? The Aerodrome Officer, Calcutta, Mr. B. Hazare says that round about 11 a.m. on Tuesday he contacted the Superintendent of Police, 24 Parganas. If so, why were the security arrangements not made before the plane arrived ?

DR. KARAN SINGH : The plane was due to arrive at 11.30 a.m. In fact, it arrived a little late, after 12 O'Clock. At 11 O'Clock when the Aerodrome Officer suddenly realised that there was a huge crowd at the airport, he tried to contact the Superintendent of Police over the telephone. But he was not able to contact him. I do not think we can really blame the police for this kind of occurrence.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : I would like to draw the attention of the Minister to reports which all of us have seen in the papers frequently that in London, New York and other European airports, where people like Beatles or other so-called pop-singers arrive, at the airports there are similar demonstrations by people who are supposed to be their fans, mostly teen-agers. As a matter of fact, much more disorderly scenes are seen elsewhere than those witnessed that day at Dum Dum. But no such

other occasions we have never heard of the international airlines using them as an excuse to say that they are likely to fly over such an airport. Such a thing has never happened. May I point out that on this occasion two Ministers of the State were present on the scene and they were trying to control the school boys. But they were injured in the melee and they could not do anything because this was an unusual occasion. Now the question is this. Is it known to him or not that these international airlines which fly through Dum Dum airport are, in fact, earning very good revenue and their revenue has been rising because of traffic going up all the time and, economically speaking, therefore it would not be to their advantage to leave out Dum Dum from their normal route? If that is so, is this just not a show or a hullabaloo which has been created that they may fly over Calcutta because from the commercial point of view it is not to their advantage and they are not likely to do it?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** I am sure the international airlines are fully aware of their economic interest and, as the hon. Member has said, they are in fact making quite a lot of profits, though I do not have any information regarding the profitability of each airline. I am sure that will be a factor which they will keep in mind before they take any step.

**SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH :** I am glad the hon. Minister has made it clear that there are some genuine heroes still left in this country. He has also rightly placed before the House some facts about the admirers of the spurious heroes that go out of the country and the way those admirers enter the airfield. In regard to some of these international airlines telling us that they are going to skip over Calcutta, I would like to know whether there has been any understanding between some of these airlines to promote tourism in some of those countries at the expense of India. Secondly, is it a fact that an impression is being created on international tourists by some of the international airlines that Calcutta is no more in the tourist map because it has lost all its attraction? Is it a fact that they are trying to divert tourist

traffic to other places? If that is so, may I know whether the hon. Minister would like to go into all those factors and see where the difficulty lies, since I feel that is only an excuse to skip over Calcutta to give importance to some other places of tourist interest in other countries?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** As far as the promotion of tourism is concerned the only airline which does it directly for us is, of course, our own international carrier, Air India. The other airlines are not expected to do tourism promotion for us, although they can do whatever they like in their own way. The second point which the hon. Member has raised is a very important one and I would like to clarify the position. As far as the Government of India is concerned, Calcutta is a crucial part of our whole tourist map. It is a city of great historical importance, the home of the Indian Renaissance, and there is no question whatsoever of its being neglected or in any way downgraded, as far as we are concerned. We are making special efforts to see that the interest in Calcutta, which has shown a certain amount of decline in the last three or four years, that process is reversed and that Calcutta once again gets its due place. Regarding the measures taken in this regard, I am hoping to meet quite soon the Minister of Tourism of the West Bengal Government when I will discuss with him what concrete measures we can take in the Fourth Plan to enhance the tourist importance of Calcutta.

**SHRI NATH PAI :** It is not only International Airlines which are seeking permission to overfly but I would like to draw his attention to newspaper reports that some Governments are seeking permission of the Government of India and the concerned authorities to overfly the airspace of India. In this connection, what is his reaction to a report that the Pakistani authorities are wanting to overfly India from Karachi to Dacca to carry troops and the Soviet Union wanting to overfly because of the Sino-Indian conflict to send aid to Vietnam? Has permission been sought and, if so, what is Government's reaction?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** I have no immediate information with regard to these points.

**SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR CHATTERJI :** The hon. Minister has said that due to lack of time or something, the security arrangement was not there. He has also admitted that the security arrangement completely failed. When the great leaders were there in the past, the crowd used to be so overwhelming and, even then, the security measures functioned well. But this time, the security measures failed. Is the Minister prepared to admit that sufficient security measures were not taken knowing full well that there will be a crowd of students and youngmen there ? Is he prepared to give a positive undertaking that, in future, such things will not happen ?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** I would say that it had not really been envisaged that so many people would turn up. Therefore, I do not think it is really a question of the security arrangement having failed. A large number of people turned up. Obviously, the existing arrangement was not adequate. For the future, as I have mentioned, we will certainly see that whenever such a thing is anticipated, the arrangements are made in advance in consultation with the West Bengal Government.

**SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :** Will the hon. Minister kindly tell us what is the specific reason for the Government of India not to have started a Government Hotel at Calcutta and, secondly, is it not a fact that the West Bengal Government had deputed two responsible Ministers at the airport to control and to look after the whole crowd ?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** About the question of the Government of India running a hotel in Calcutta, the only proposal before us, at present, is the Airport hotel at Dum Dum which is likely to be in the public sector. The Tourism Corporation is going to include it in the Fourth Plan. In addition to that, we are anxious that the private sector should put up hotels in Calcutta because one of the reasons for the decline in the foreign tourism to Calcutta is the fact that there is not a really first-class,

top-class, hotel. Perhaps, the West Bengal Government would like, particularly, to encourage private sector now.

**SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :** Why don't you do it ?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** We have received no proposal for collaboration there. If anybody wants to put up a hotel, we will be very happy to help them.

**SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :** What about second part of question ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** It was asked by Mr. Indrajit Gupta and answered also. Evidently, you did not hear.

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** One point I must add that our information is that Shri Ram Chatterji, the Minister of Sport of West Bengal Government, was present at the airport and he made an attempt, but it turned out to be ineffective, to get the students leave the airport.

**SHRI KARTIK ORAON :** If the enthusiasm to welcome these heroes, and for that matter any national hero, is so great that it can create an impression of reasonable apprehension or fear in the minds of the people or in the minds of the authorities. I would like to know from the Govt. as to whether the authorities should take any action for any untoward happening that might take place, and if they do not take any action and, in that case, if there is harm either to life or to property, may I know whether the officers will be exonerated from any responsibility being fixed on them for having failed to take suitable action in time ?

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** I do not really think that there is a question of harm or injury. The whole thing was in a spirit of goodwill. A large number of youngsters turned up. It was not anticipated but they came. I do not think anybody really needs to be penalised.

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Calcutta is a city of poverty and plenty, of revolutionaries and reactionaries. I do not agree with my hon. friend, Shri Venkatasubbaiah, that it has no attraction. It has all the

attraction except the Congress Ministry there. I would like to know from the hon. Minister, apart from taking precautions to see that people do not go upto the aircraft...

**SHRI NATH PAI :** The officials go following the Ministers.

क्यों लोगों का नाम बदनाम करते हो।

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** I stand corrected (*Interruptions*) When officials and other satellites of Ministers go to the aerodrome or come and land there, big cars are sent near the aircraft, which is objectionable both morally and from other points of view. I would like to know whether precautions would be taken to see that cars are not permitted to go near the aircraft unless the Minister concerned is sick where again only the ambulance should be used and not cars.

**DR. KARAN SINGH :** It is our policy to discourage, as far as possible, cars going near the aircraft because it is really a hazard. This is a point that I would like to make that it is a hazard for cars to go near the aircraft. Wherever it is possible, we discourage, but wherever it is necessary... (*Interruptions*) We have issued instructions to considerably control them. Certainly sometimes it becomes necessary but we want to keep those occasions as rare as possible. I entirely agree that, wherever possible, it should be discouraged.

**MR. SPEAKER :** If total prohibition is there, it will be good. Otherwise, if one goes, another wants to go and you get into trouble. That was my experience. So, if total prohibition is there, it will be good for everybody.

**SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH :** That is an occupational hazard.

श्री तुलशी दास भाषव : डमडम एयर पोर्ट पर जो घटना हुई, उस को दृष्टि में रखते हुए क्या सरकार डमडम एयर पोर्ट तथा अन्य बड़े-बड़े शहरों में दिल्ली की तरह अन्दर जाने के लिए प्रवेश की लगाने का इन्तजाम करेगी ?

यदि ऐसी फी वहां पर लागू है तो इतने लोग वहां पर कैसे चले गये ?

**डा० करण सिंह :** हमने चारों अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्टों—दिल्ली, कलकत्ता, मद्रास और बम्बई—पर एक रुपया एन्ट्री टिकट लगाया हुआ है। इस से हमें बहुत आमदनी हो रही है।

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Financial Aid by U.G.C. to Various Universities in U.P.

\*756. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :**  
**SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY :**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of financial aid given and proposed to be given to the various Universities in Uttar Pradesh by the University Grants Commission in 1968 and 1969, and

(b) whether this will enable those Universities to improve the wages of the University teachers ?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) :** (a) The following grants have been paid up to January 31, 1969 to the various Universities in U. P. during the current year :—

University	Grants Paid (Rupee:s)
Agra.	4,49,914.49
Aligarh.	2,81,01,718.35*
Allahabad.	10,19,705.64
Banaras.	3,10,05,500.00*
Gorakhpur.	6,24,457.84
Kanpur.	1,32,054.90
Lucknow.	5,00,160.06
Meerut.	1,44,600.00
Roorkee	36,22,373.56
U.P. Agricultural University.	13,361.29
Varanaseya Sanskrit University,	2,21,401.62

\*Includes maintenane grant.