

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Pochampad Multi-purpose Project

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Shri E. Madhusudan Rao;

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government had submitted the details about Pochampad Multipurpose Project to the Centre for its sanction and allocation of grant;

(b) if so, how much time would Government take to accord necessary sanction;

(c) whether the Project has been approved by Government; and

(d) if not, the difficulties in regard thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). The revised project called the Godavari Canals Project (Pochampad) submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh was examined technically by the Central water and Power Commission and by the Advisory Committee. The State Government were requested to modify the Project and their report is awaited.

Old Dakotas

*659. Shri D. D. Puri: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines Corporation is flying some Dakota Aircraft which are over-age by international standards of safety;

(b) what is the maximum flying hours to the credit of any Dakota that is still being used and the number of flying hours considered safe by the manufacturers; and

(c) by what date the last Dakota is likely to be replaced?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The maximum flying hours achieved by an Indian Airlines' Dakota aircraft as on 1st August, 1962 are 29,368 hours. No limitations on the flying hours of Dakota aircraft have been laid down by the manufacturers

(c) The Dakotas will be progressively replaced as and when the Corporation are in a position to acquire additional modern aircraft.

रेलवे की चोरी गई सम्पत्ति

६६०. श्री राम सेवक यादव : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गाजियाबाद में कुछ स्क्रैप व्यापारियों के यहाँ रेलवे की चोरी गई सम्पत्ति पकड़ी गई है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो वह किस प्रकार का सामान था और कितने मूल्य का ;

(ग) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में कोई गिरफ्तारी की गई है ; और

(घ) क्या इन चोरियों में कुछ रेलवे कर्मचारियों का भी हाथ है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : (क) और (ख). जी हाँ। जो सम्पत्ति बरामद की गई है वह अधिकतर गाड़ी और डिब्बों की फिटिंग्स, इंजनों के पुर्जों और रेल-पथ का सामान है, जिसकी कीमत का अनुमान लगाना अभी बाकी है।

(घ) अभी तक केवल पांच आदमी गिरफ्तार हुए हैं, जिनका रेलवे से कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है। इस बारे में जांच-हड़ताल अभी जारी है।