

Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether I.A.C. has raised its fares on domestic routes; and

(b) if so, by what percentage?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The increase was about 7½ per cent on trunk routes and 5 per cent on the regional routes over the existing fares. No increase was made in the fare of the austerity service Calcutta/Agartala/Khowa i/Kamalpur/Kailashahr.

West Coast Road

*9. { Shri Imbichibava:
Shri P. Kunhan:
Shri Warrior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri M. N. Swamy:
Shri A. V. Raghavan:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in widening the West Coast Road in Kerala;

(b) the expenditure incurred in this respect so far; and

(c) when the work is expected to be completed?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The widening of the road has been completed in a length of 155 miles out of a total length of 198 miles of the road in the Kerala State.

(b) A total expenditure of Rs. 174 lakhs has been incurred up to 31-3-63. This covers not only widening but also black-topping and the construction of bridges and culverts.

(c) Works estimated to cost about Rs. 3 crores out of the revised estimate of Rs. 5.69 crores for the portion of the road in Kerala, are expected to be completed by the end of the Third Five Year Plan period and the balance will be carried forward to the Fourth Plan.

Second Shipyard

*10. { Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warrior:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Morarka:
Shri Ravindra Varma:
Shri P. C. Boroah:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Japanese Team on the Second Shipbuilding Yard has been received;

(b) if so, the substance of the report; and

(c) when the work is expected to commence?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) to (c). The team of experts sent by M/s. Mitsubishi Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. Ltd., Japan submitted their report on the Second Shipyard in April, 1963. The salient features of the report are the following:

Capacity of the Shipyard	1,20,000 or 89,000 annum.	DWT per GRT
Cost.	Rs. 16 crores.	
Foreign Exchange Component	Rs. 4.33 crores.	
Period of Construction	Nine Years, in four stages.	
Commencement of Production.	During the third year of construction.	
Type of vessels* proposed to be constructed.	15,000 ton dry cargo ships for tramp trade and 30,000 ton bulk carriers/tankers.	