

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 Warior:
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 Warior:
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.	

No. of ships to be constructed per annum.	Six 15,000 tonners and one 30,000 tonner.
No. of berths/docks.	5 including a repair dock.
Maximum size of the ship that would be constructed at the Yard.	50,000 DWT.
Area of land required for the project.	150 acres (including 30 acres for future expansion).
Length of water front	1700 Metres.
No. of workers/staff proposee to be employed ultimately.	3410
Achievement of full production.	In the 11th year of commencement of construction.
Additional works to be undertaken by the shipyard.	Ship repair and manufacture of structural steel products.

The report was based on certain basic assumptions regarding the requirements of Indian Shipping during the next decade or so, the production plans of existing shipyards, local conditions in Cochin, availability of space both on land and the Ernakulam Channel, etc.

The team again came to this country in May, 1963 and stayed for a period of about six weeks with a view to check up the assumptions made in their first report. They visited New Delhi, Bombay, Cochin, Madras and Visakhapatnam and had discussions with the officers of the Govt. of India, the Government of Kerala, the Hindustan Shipyard Limited and some shipowners. As a result of these discussions, the report of the team is being revised and a final report from them is awaited.

The Japanese team informed the Government that their firm is interested in equity participation in the project. As desired by them, they have been informed of the broad terms on which equity participation in the project by a foreign firm could be considered by Government. Their proposals for financial and technical collaboration in the project based on these terms along with their final report are awaited.

The work will commence after an agreement for financial and technical collaboration in the project is concluded.

State Trading in Foodgrains

- *12. { Dr. U. Misra:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Warrior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Shrimati Renu
Chakravartty:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to set up an organization for state trading in Foodgrains;

(b) whether it is a fact that the machinery will be evolved jointly by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Food and Agriculture; and

(c) if so, the details of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Tuticorin Port

- *13. { Shrimati Vimla Devi:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri Sezhiyan:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tuticorin Port development project is not progressing satisfactorily;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government have expressed their anxiety over it; and