

Shri Buta Singh: May I know whether Government proposes to set up some sort of financial corporation so as to assist these transport corporations?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is also one of the recommendations that the State Governments should set up such corporations and funds can be withdrawn from the State Government or the State Bank of India.

Shri Sivamurthi Swamy: I want to know whether the Transport Ministry has received any representation from the Bellary district where a co-operative society has been registered and no aid has been given by the development board or by the Ministry of Mines and Fuel?

Shri Raj Bahadur: At the moment I am not aware of any such complaint but in case a copy thereof is passed on to me I shall certainly look into it.

Radio Aids to Air Navigation

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- *183. { **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Bishancharnder Seth:
Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Solanki:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two modern radio aids to air navigation were recently installed in Palam airport;

(b) if so, how far this equipment has helped the air service;

(c) what was the total expenditure involved; and

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(d) whether Government propose to establish such system in other airports also?

The Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (d). I lay a statement on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT- 3116/64].

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: In the statement it is said that VOR facilities are already available at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Nagpur airports while it was recently provided at Palam airport which is the most important airport in the country. May I know the reason for this?

Shri Kanungo: It does happen that Calcutta and Bombay are also important airports.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Even Nagpur was there. Delhi came much later.

Shri Kanungo: Delhi had the facility of instrumental landing which no other port had.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether this VOR installation will be of the same type as in other international airports?

Shri Kanungo: I do not know about that but it will be made available to fourteen other airports.

Shri P. C. Borooah: What are the salient features of this equipment and does it enable an aircraft to land even in adverse weather and, if so, have they any proposal to install such equipment in north-eastern airports where generally the weather remains unfavourable?

Shri Kanungo: It helps the aircraft in finding direction.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: In what respect is the new device an improvement on those which existed before?

Shri Kanungo: It is an improvement upon radio communications but it will be difficult for me to explain it further.

Shri Joachim Alva: Almost on the very night when the Air Corporation Bill was passed by this House in 1952-53, the Indian Airlines had a big crash at the Delhi airport losing valuable pilots and passengers. I want to know why we have taken thirteen years to spend just a million rupees to install this equipment.

Shri Kanungo: The report of that accident, I suppose, has been made available to the Library. Apart from that this equipment does not prevent such accidents. The Delhi airport was provided with more useful equipment.

Supply of Wheat to Nepal

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- *184. { **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government are considering to supply to Nepal 500 tons of wheat daily from Calcutta docks; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions on which the Indian Government have agreed to supply wheat to Nepal Government?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) and (b). At the request of the U.S. Government, 5,000 tonnes of American wheat was supplied to the Government of Nepal on the conditions that

- (i) an equal quantity of wheat will be replaced by the U.S. Government landed at Calcutta; and

- (ii) the cost of handling, clearance, transport and all other incidental charges will be paid by the U.S. Government.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Apart from the cost, there was a big congestion at the Calcutta port and I think we had to pay demurrage to the extent of crores of rupees, and so may I know whether that aspect has also been taken into consideration?

Shri D. R. Chavan: That has not been taken into consideration. The request came from the United States.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether the Government of India are satisfied that this wheat would be consumed in Nepal itself and not re-exported to other countries like China, etc.?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): It is a small quantity of 5,000 tons. I do not think it is worth-while enquiring into.

श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वह प्रबन्ध कब से लागू हुआ है और कब तक रहेगा जिस के द्वारा 5,000 टन गेहूँ नेपाल को जाता है।

श्री डा० रा० चव्हाण : हम ने 5,000 टन गेहूँ दे दिया है। इस को 16 जून, 1964 को देना शुरू किया गया था और वह 13 अगस्त, 1964 को सम्प्लिट हो गया।

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know whether this is the quantity that the Government of India is sending, or whether the Nepal Government have asked for more, specifying the quantity that is required by them?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The American Government wanted us to pass on these 5,000 tons of wheat to Nepal under the PL-480 arrangement to relieve distress there. It is under that arrangement that it was handed over.