

that of the existing administrative and other agencies both at the Centre and in the States.

Haldia Port

*546. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri P. C. Borooh:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the team of experts from the World Bank arrived in Calcutta to make a final appraisal of India's requirements for Haldia Port;

(b) whether the question relating to the project of ore berths to be provided at Haldia has been agreed upon;

(c) how far the World Bank's views on this particular point have been dealt with in the report of the Study Group, appointed by the Ministry and clarified; and

(d) whether the Calcutta Port Trust Commissioners have in their revised proposals made allowance for a possible revision of the provision for ore berths?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Study Team appointed by the Government of India had carried out a survey of the traffic expected to be handled at Calcutta and Haldia and also examined the financial and other aspects of Haldia Dock scheme. In their opinion, there is full justification for providing for an iron ore berth at Haldia. A copy of the Study Team's Report was forwarded to the World Bank. This report is at present the subject of discussions with the World Bank Appraisal Team now in India. The estimates, as prepared by the Calcutta Port Commissioners, provide for an iron ore berth. A final decision will be taken in the matter after the World Bank Appraisal Team submits

its report to the Bank and the Bank's reactions are known.

Organisation of Ship-Repairers and Ship-Builders

*547. **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the formation of an all-India Organisation of ship-repairers and ship-builders was recommended by the Ship Repairs Committee; and

(b) whether such an organisation has been formed and recognised by Government?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A permanent body known as the Central Advisory Council on Ship-building and Ship-repairing has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Transport to advise the Government in all matters relating to this industry. Major Ship-building, Ship-repairing, Shipping and allied interests in the country and also Central Government Departments concerned with this industry are represented on this Council.

Ex-gratia Amount for I.A.C. Employees

*548. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IAC employees have been paid an *ex-gratia* amount recently in lieu of bonus;

(b) if so, the basis and conditions of the payment made; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to make similar payment to the Air-India employees also?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The Indian