

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). The Indian Airlines Corporation are considering question of increasing the freight charges for carriage of mails by their services, to meet the rising cost of operation, particularly after devaluation.

(c) and (d). As the Corporation have not yet indicated the quantum of increase proposed to be asked for, the Posts and Telegraphs Department have not examined the question whether increase in freight charges would lead to rise in postal rates.

National Road Board

- *26. **Shri A. V. Raghavan:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to constitute a National Road Board; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). A proposal to constitute a Central Road Board within the Ministry of Transport and Aviation is under consideration.

Abolition of Food Zones

- *27. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Kolla Venkalab:
Shri M. N. Swamy:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

- Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warior:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding the demand for the abolition of zones and removal of restrictions on movement of foodgrains; and

(b) the improvements, if any, Government propose to effect on the present arrangements?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) and (b). The whole question of continuance or otherwise of zonal and other restrictions on the movement of foodgrains is under consideration of the Government of India in the light of recommendations made by the Foodgrains Policy Committee.

Enquiry into Affairs of Airlines

- *28. **Shri Gokulananda Mohanty:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Daji:

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a resolution of the Indian Pilot's Guild which met at Bombay on the 20th September, 1966 expressing want of confidence in the management and asking for a thorough and comprehensive enquiry into the affairs of the Airlines; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). The Chairman