

from the First to the Second and from the Second to the Third Plan. Originally orders were placed with certain parties. The scheme did not materialise. They let down the Government. Ultimately it was decided to have the pipes manufactured in India. The firm had certain difficulties in getting the iron sheets of a particular specification. Now, Sir, arrangements have been made for the supply of those sheets with the help of the Ministry of Steel and they have started manufacturing the pipes. It is expected that the scheme will have no further mishaps.

**Shri Rishang Keishing:** Are the Government aware of the fact that pipes of various sizes ranging from 7" to 18" in diameter worth a few lakhs of rupees were purchased by the Manipur Administration for this water supply scheme; if so, may I know what the Government has done with those pipes and how the question of manufacturing pipes at this late hour has arisen?

**Dr. Sushila Nayar:** There was an order placed at one stage and some pipes were also supplied, but then the scheme could not proceed any further as it was found to be defective. So the project was given up and a decision taken to manufacture the pipes locally.

**Shri Rishang Keishing:** May I know how the pipes manufactured here compared with the pipes imported from outside in price and also quality?

**Dr. Sushila Nayar:** I do not have the figures with me, but I understand that the scheme that is now proposed is more desirable both from the quality and price point of view.

#### Shortage of Inland Letters in Delhi

\*663. **Shri Bishwanath Roy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in the beginning of the current financial year there has been an acute shortage of inland letters in Delhi?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagwati):** Yes, I regret to say that there was a temporary shortage of inland letter cards in Delhi.

**Shri Bishwanath Roy:** May I know the reason for the short supply of inland letters in the capital?

**Shri B. Bhagwati:** There was a fall in production of inland letters because there was an acute shortage of paper supply. There were some other reasons also, like delay in the movement etc. The main reason is the short supply of papers.

#### SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

##### Fire in I.A.C. Skymaster

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	}	Shri P. C. Borooah:
	}	Shri Sarjoo Pandey:
	}	Shri J. B. Singh:

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

(a) whether a fire broke out in an Indian Airlines Corporation skymaster in the afternoon of 3rd May, 1962;

(b) whether many persons were seriously injured; and

(c) whether all of them are surviving?

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

(b) and (c). Only 4 persons were seriously injured; 3 of whom are out of danger.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** May I know whether it is possible now to ascertain the cause of this fire?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** The investigation is going on. We have not yet received the report.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** What is the condition of the four injured persons now?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** I have stated that three of them are out of danger. I

think they have made considerable improvement by now. I hope the fourth person will also survive.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** May I know whether any enquiry committee has been set up to go into this?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** An enquiry committee has been appointed by the I.A.C. The Director General of Civil Aviation is also making separate enquiries.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** Is it a fact that the damage to the aircraft is extensive and it is not repairable? If so, what will be the extent of the loss?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** The preliminary report shows that the aircraft has been substantially damaged.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know whether it is a fact that an unextinguished cigarette end is the cause for the breaking out of this fire?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** I have not received the final report. The preliminary report does not mention anything about the unextinguished cigarette.

**श्री सरजू पाण्डे :** किन्तु एक नकलान हुआ इफ एंसीडेंट में ?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** I have already stated that the aircraft has been substantially damaged. I cannot give any estimate in terms of rupees.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** The hon. Minister has stated that the enquiry is being conducted by the IAC. May I know if it is a regular practice to conduct such enquiries about accidents by IAC themselves or is it done by the inspectors of the Civil Aviation Department?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** I have already stated that a separate enquiry is being conducted by the Director-General of Civil Aviation.

**श्री ज० ब० सिंह :** माननीय मंत्री ने बताया कि अभी शुरुआती जांच हुई है। क्या वह कह सकते हैं कि इतिहास से मेशीन फ़ैल कर गयी या काम करने वालों के नेगलीजेंस

से हवाई जहाज गिर पड़ा और तबाह हो गया ?

**श्री मुहम्मद उद्दीन :** माननीय सदस्य दरियाफत कर रहे हैं कि वजह क्या है। मैंने अज्ञ कर दिया इसके मृतारिलिक मैं कतई तौर पर उस वक्त तक जवाब नहीं दे सकता जब तक कि रिपोर्ट न आ जाए।

**श्री सतुलथ सिंह :** आप वजह तो नहीं बता सकते लेकिन यह तो कह सकते हैं कि इजिन में आग लगी थी या स्ट्रोल टैंक में आग लगी थी ?

**श्री मुहम्मद उद्दीन :** यह आग एयरक्राफ्ट के नॉचि जमान पर आग लगी थी और उससे एयरक्राफ्ट को ध्वंसा पहुंचा।

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Centres for Development of Maize

\*650. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have set up four centres for the production of foundation seeds for the development of maize in the country; and

(b) which are the States selected for these centres?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil):** (a) The scheme for organisation of the production, distribution and marketing of improved seeds in the country includes inter alia the setting up of 4 units for the production of foundation seeds. Three of these centres have already started functioning on a temporary basis. The fourth will be set up later.

(b) The three centres so far set up are located in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. Their permanent location will be decided after the Seeds Corporation comes into being. The location of the