

consideration of the Government of India; and

(b) if so, when a final decision is likely to be arrived at?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). Of the 3 international airports in the country, it has already been decided to extend the main East-West runway at Santa Cruz in order to make it fit for operation by Jet aircraft at an estimated cost of Rs. 4 crores approximately. As regards Palam and Dum Dum, the matter is under consideration and a decision is expected to be taken at an early date.

Grievances of Railwaymen

*1482. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the *ad hoc* Tribunal appointed in 1953 to go into some grievances of Railwaymen has since given its award;

(b) if so, whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for the implementation of the same?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, the Tribunal has not yet framed its recommendations.

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

Rice Mills in Andhra Pradesh

*1485. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Rice Millowners of Andhra Pradesh have decided to close down their mills from the 5th April, 1958;

(b) what are the reasons advanced by them for the closure;

(c) the total number of workers who would be affected by such a closure; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to avert the closure?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (d). It is understood that the Andhra Pradesh Rice Millers' Association took a decision to close down their mills from 5th April, 1958 in protest against the basis of assessment of the State Sales Tax and Income Tax. It has since been reported that the threatened closure of rice mills has been postponed, as a result of discussion between the Rice Millers' Association and the State Government.

जहाजी दुर्घटना

२०१४. श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी :

क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १६५६-५७ में कितनी जहाजी दुर्घटनायें हुईं ;

(ख) ये दुर्घटनायें कहाँ-कहाँ हुईं ;

(ग) कितने व्यक्ति मरे अथवा घायल हुये; और

(घ) घायल व्यक्तियों तथा मृत व्यक्तियों के निकट सम्बन्धियों को कुल कितना प्रतिकर दिया गया ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) १८३।

(ख) और (ग). जहाँ तक बम्बई और मद्रास के वाणिज्य नौचालन जिलों का सम्बन्ध है उनके बारे में मांगी हुई सूचना का एक विवरण सभा-पटल पर रख दिया गया है (दोसरे परिशिष्ट ६, अनुबन्ध संख्या १२०)। कलकत्ता के वाणिज्य नौचालन जिलों के बारे में सूचना अभी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और जितनी जल्दी सम्भव हो सकेगा सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।