

**Survey of Ratnagiri Coast**

\*1396. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to undertake a survey of Ratnagiri coast in the near future by the Deep Sea Fishing Station, Bombay; and

(b) if so, from what date and when it will be completed?

**The Deputy Minister for Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** (a) Yes.

(b) The survey has been included in the programme of the Deep Sea Fishing Station, Bombay. It is not possible to say at present when the survey will be started or completed.

**Shri Assar:** May I know whether Government is aware that recently in Angre bank, some hundred miles away from Ratnagiri district, they have discovered one of the best fishing Centres and, if so, whether Government have any scheme to develop that centre?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Some of the vessels intended for deep sea fishing occasionally go to Angre bank of the Ratnagiri coast. But it was found out that for trawling purposes it has a coral bottom. So, it was not suitable for that purpose. Now they have adopted the land fishing method and it is very successful. We want to make a systematic survey of the whole coast, which is a big programme which will take some time.

**Shri Rami Reddy:** Is there any proposal to undertake it in the east coast also?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Yes, Sir. We have started it at Vizagapatnam. It is a very good and important centre which the hon. Member can visit with advantage.

**Freighter Services beyond Gauhati**

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\*1397. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines Corporation does not run freighter services beyond Gauhati;

(b) whether it is also a fact that bulk of freight carried from Calcutta for Assam goes to places beyond Gauhati;

(c) how many private operators and how many aircrafts on their behalf are carrying freight back and forward to stations beyond Gauhati;

(d) the amount of freight carried by them;

(e) whether they use airports near the scheduled air-strips used by I.A.C.;

(f) the reason for leaving bulk freight traffic to non-scheduled operators;

(g) whether IAC proposes to make a bid to get this profitable business; and

(h) if so, how?

**The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) The Indian Airlines Corporation carry freight on their passenger services beyond Gauhati. In addition the Indian Airlines Corporation have provided for a scheduled freighter service Calcutta-Gauhati-Mohanbari, which operates subject to demand

(b) No, Sir

(c) There are four non-scheduled operators with a fleet of 12 Dakota aircraft, engaged in freighter operations in the Eastern region, including stations beyond Ghuhati,

(d) During the period 1st April, 1959 to 30th September, 1959 these operators carried a total of 8.52 million lbs. of freight between Calcutta and Assam.

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** The hon. Minister has stated that four airlines are doing this job apart from the IAC. In view of the past performance of these non-scheduled operators, may we know whether the Government propose to take over the routes of these non-scheduled operators just to strengthen the IAC?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** This question is regarding carrying of freight. This question is not about taking over private operators.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** My point is this. During the last debate also it was stated that the IAC is sustaining a heavy loss. So my submission is why IAC is not doing all jobs, why this is being allowed to these non-scheduled operators and why do they not take over these lines.

**Shri Mohiuddin:** Regarding doing their job, I can assure the House that they are doing their job very well. I can cite a few figures. In the Calcutta-Assam sector out of 19.93 million lbs. carried during the eight months, April to September, 1959, the IAC carried 11.41 million lbs. and the private operators carried 8.52 million lbs. If I include Agartala the total carried by both comes to 30.53 million pounds, out of which 22 million pounds were carried by IAC and 8.52 million tons were carried by the private operators. If I include the air-droppings in the Assam region, the proportion will be still very high. Out of about 34 million lbs. carried including air-droppings, only 8.52 million tons were carried by the private operators.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** I want to know whether one of the private operators is the Kalinga Airlines and whether enquiries were held or are being held against this particular airlines about the various accidents and a very bad performance. I also want to know whether this particular service is going to be discontinued or whether their licence is going to be renewed.

**Shri Mohiuddin:** I may state that four days ago there was a question about the investigation referred to by the hon. Member. The hon. Member was not present in the House when that question came up for answer.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** The question was in the name of Shrimati Renu Chakravartty and Shri Ram Krishan Gupta and not in my name. Moreover, even if that answer is there I want to know as to what has happened to that enquiry and whether the same service is going to continue. My fear is that they are playing with human lives.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is all right.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** So, what is going to happen? Is that licence going to be renewed or not?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** The report of the investigation will be placed in the Library as soon as Government have taken some decision about it.

**Shri Tangamani:** Will Government tell us the amount of freight carried by the Kalinga Airlines from the 1st April to the 30th September, 1959 and the amount of freight carried by the IAC during this period?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** I have not got the break-up. I have given the total figures.

**Shri Tangamani:** I would like to know as to how much has been carried by the IAC during this period as compared to the freight carried by the four private operators.

**Shri Mohiuddin:** I have already given the full figures for the Assam

**Shri Tangamani:** I am asking for the figures for a particular period.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let him give notice of a separate question for that.

#### Price of Sugar

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\*1398. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**  
**Shri K. N. Pandey:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the