

tion, we shall finalise it in consultation with the Director General of Shipping, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of Finance.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: In reply to a previous question, the hon. Minister referred about indigenous manufacture of spare parts for the ship-building industry. May I know what arrangements have been made for this?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It was exactly for that purpose that in November, 1957, we set up a committee known as the Advisory Committee on Ancillary Industries, with a view to cut down our dependence on the import of spare parts, equipment, machinery for ship-building purposes, etc. Rear Admiral T. B. Bose is the Chairman of this Committee and it is this Committee which is going into it.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know whether it is a fact that no foreign country is ready to advance any loan or help for Indian shipping?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is not a fact. Very recently even the German shipyard Howaldtswerke have agreed to help us.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Is it a Government shipyard?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is a Government shipyard and they have agreed to help us with credit to the extent of 200 million Marks.

Acquisition of Viscount Aircraft

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Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri Dinesh Singh:
Shri Mahanty:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 655 on the 7th March, 1960 and state what further progress has been made in exploring the possi-

bility of acquiring second hand Viscount aircrafts?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): The Corporation are still exploring the possibility of acquiring second hand Viscount aircraft.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: What is our current requirement in this matter? With how many countries negotiations are going on for this purpose?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: We shall be more comfortable if we have 14 Viscounts. We have only 10. Because of the foreign exchange position in which we are placed now, we are trying to explore the possibilities of obtaining at least two. As a matter of fact, we were asking the Burma Government to sell four of their aircrafts, but they decided to continue their international air services. So, they are not available. So, it is not possible to buy new Viscounts, however much we would like to have them, because there is no foreign exchange.

Shri Ansar Harvani: In view of the shortage of foreign exchange, have the Government of India approached any country to give us Viscounts on the basis of rupee payments?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: No. We do not want to go on begging for everything that we want.

Shri Dinesh Singh: Have Government considered the question of purchasing the Super Constellations which are now surplus with Air India International?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: We are going to utilize the Super Constellations for other purposes. Viscounts are much better aircrafts for internal use than Super Constellations will be.

Shri Asaar: What would be the cost of a second hand aircraft as compared to a new one?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: A new Viscount will cost about Rs. 55 lakhs.

Shri Assar: What about a second hand one?

Mr. Speaker: As hon. Members are aware, the cost of a second hand article depends largely on the wear and tear, number of years used, depreciation and so on. How can there be a fixed price?

Shri Jaipal Singh: In view of the difficulty of getting second hand Viscounts, may I know whether Government are exploring the possibility of the next best, Fokker Friendship?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: We have already got five of them, which will arrive in January/February/March, 1961.

Dr. P. Mohammed Imam: Is there any scheme to replace the present Dakotas with Viscounts, or any other better type of planes, because the present Dakotas are very old?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: That is quite true. We are exploring the possibilities of even manufacturing our own planes.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it not a fact that second hand aircraft always affects the efficiency of air service; and, if so, why are we going in for second hand aircraft?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: If the hon. Member could speak a little bit louder....

Mr. Speaker: That is my complaint also. The hon. Member must come to the front or not put questions.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Do the second hand aircraft affect the efficiency of our air services? If so, why are we going in for this kind of secondhand aircraft?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: That is not the opinion of my technical advisers. Perhaps, the hon. Member may have other technical advisers.

Shri Tyagi: How much mileage has been done by those aircrafts before they were obtained by our Ministry?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: We have not bought any secondhand aircraft to find out how much mileage has been done by it. We are now only negotiating for secondhand aircrafts. Of course, before getting them we shall see what mileage has been done by them. We are not going to take duds.

आयुर्वेद की पुरानी पांडुलिपियां

*८०१. श्री पद्म देव : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि आयुर्वेद की बहुत-सी पुस्तकें, जिन के नाम अन्य आयुर्वेदिक पुस्तकों में उल्लिखित हैं, अब उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ;

(ख) क्या उन्हें यह भी मालूम है कि उन में से कई पुस्तकें कुछ एक पुराने परिवारों के पास हैं परन्तु वे किसी को नहीं दिखाते ; और

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) और (ख) के उत्तर स्वीकारात्मक हों, तो क्या सरकार इस विषय में अनुसंधान और पृच्छताछ की कोई योजना बनाने का विचार कर रही है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करमरकर) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) ऐसा समझा जाता है कि कई पांडुलिपियां लोगों के पास हैं ।

(ग) केन्द्रीय आयुर्वेदिक अनुसंधान परिषद् की साहित्यिक अनुसंधान उपसमिति ने इस प्रश्न पर विचार किया है तथा कतिपय सिफारिशों की हैं जिन पर केन्द्रीय आयुर्वेदिक अनुसंधान परिषद् विचार करेगी ।

I shall read it in English also.

(a) Yes.

(b) It is understood that several manuscripts are in private hands.

(c) The Literary Research Subcommittee of the Central Council of Ayurvedic Research has gone into the question and has made certain recommendations which will be