

Dakota aircraft operating Bombay-Cochin service on 31st July, 1961 slipped off the runway, after landing, and got bogged in soft ground.

(b) There was no loss of life and property. The aircraft sustained minor damage and the air hostess received slight injury.

(c) The mishap is under investigation.

#### Escalator at Delhi Railway Station

\*765. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri Ramam:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the escalator installed at the Delhi Main Railway Station on an experimental basis has been a success;

(b) if so, whether any scheme to instal more escalators at big railway stations has been chalked out; and

(c) the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) The escalator has been working satisfactorily. It is too early to judge whether it is a success.

(b) Not so far. This will be considered in the light of further experience in the use of the escalator at Delhi Main.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Mangalore and Tuticorin Ports

\*766. { Shri Yadav Narayan Jadhav  
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri Kunhan:  
Shri T. B. Vitta Rao:  
Shri Subbiah Ambalam:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Achar:  
Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:  
Shri N. M. Deb:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to

the reply given to Starred Question No. 706 on the 9th March, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have considered proposal to develop Mangalore and Tuticorin as major ports; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The schemes have been included in the Third Five Year Plan.

#### Hospital at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

\*767. { Shri Kodiyan:  
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 719 on the 9th March, 1961 and state the further progress since made in the construction of a 650-bed Hospital at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):** (i) O.P.D.: The work of construction of O.P.D. was entrusted to an approved Contractor in March, 1961 and is in progress. It is expected to be completed in about two years.

(ii) Wards Block Hospital: An estimate amounting to Rs. 243.30 lakhs for the construction of a 750-bedded hospital has been approved. The construction is likely to be taken up by the end of this year after completion of necessary formalities regarding calling of tenders, planning, supervision, etc.

#### Committee to Enquire into Distribution of Fertilizers

\*768. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 291 on the 24th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to go into certain "irregularities and