

Export of Sugar in Indian Ships

*74. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhad:**
Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how far Indian shipping is being utilized in the transport of export quota of sugar to U.S.A.; and

(b) what efforts were made to utilize Indian shipping for the purpose?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The Government have brought to the notice of the Indian shipowners the availability of sugar cargo for shipment from India to U.S.A. and the arrangements for offering tonnage for carriage of this cargo. The Scindia Steam Navigation Company, who are the only Indian shipping company interested in this cargo, have offered their available tonnage from time to time and have lifted the cargo to the extent their ships could carry. They are in constant touch with the India Supply Mission, Washington and the Indian Sugar Mills Association for the purpose of booking this cargo by their vessels whenever available.

गाजियाबाद के निकट हवाई अड्डा

*७५. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गाजियाबाद के पास बनने वाले हवाई अड्डे के निर्माण कार्य में अब तक कितनी प्रगति और हुई है ;

(ख) इस हवाई अड्डे के लिये कितनी भूमि का अधिग्रहण किया जायेगा ;

(ग) इस हवाई अड्डे के बनाने पर क्या सफेदर जंग हवाई अड्डे को भी स्थानान्तरित कर दिया जायेगा ; और

(घ) इस हवाई अड्डे के निर्माण पर कितना व्यय होगा और कब तक यह कार्य पूर्ण हो जाने की सम्भावना है ?

असैनिक उड्डयन उपमन्त्री (श्री मुहीउद्दीन) : (क) दिल्ली के करीब दूसरा सिविल एरोड्रोम बनाने का सवाल अभी जेरेगौर है ।

(ख) से (घ.) सवाल ही नहीं उठता ।

Wagons for Coal Transport

*77. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:**
Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that strong complaints have been made by various industries regarding the allotment of wagons for supply of coal and other essential commodities; and

(b) the measures, if any, taken to meet these complaints?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Representations are received from time to time by the Zonal Railways and the Ministry of Railways in respect of wagon allotment for Coal & other essential Commodities. As allotment and wagon supply are governed by priorities, these representations are generally in the nature of requests for special assistance.

(b) The following measures have been adopted to increase availability of rail transport for coal and other commodities.

- (i) Loaders have been requested to load on Sundays and holidays at the same level as on week days, as loss of transport capacity on account of reduced loading on holidays is appreciable.
- (ii) Heavy capacity, 55-ton carrying capacity Box type wagons have been introduced to step up bulk movement of coal.
- (iii) The question of opening coal dumps at important centres in the different States has been taken up. Coal dumps have already been opened at a few places in U.P. and Punjab.

- (iv) Steps have been taken by Government to move an additional one million tons of coal by sea route to Southern and Western India since May, 1961.
- (v) Old wagons which had earlier been withdrawn from service have been pressed into service again by reconditioning them for short lead movements.
- (vi) A drive has been instituted to increase the originating wagon load by permitting loading to the extent of 2 tons in excess of the carrying capacity of a wagon.
- (vii) Manufacture of wagons is being speeded up.
- (viii) Movement by road of Coals of Grade II and lower grades as well soft coke has been liberalised with effect from the 24th July, 1961 to reduce the pressure on rail-transport.

दिल्ली स्टेशन पर कंसेशन आर्डरों का धोके से जारी किया जाना

*७९. श्री सरजू पांडेय :
श्री मो० व० ठाकुर :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री ८ अगस्त, १९६१ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ११४ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली स्टेशन पर रियायती आदेशों के धोखे से जारी करने का मामला जो विशेष पुलिस को सौंपा गया था क्या उसमें जांच समाप्त हो चुकी है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका विवरण क्या है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री सै० वें० रामस्वामी)

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता ।

Second-hand Viscounts

*83. Shri Agadi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 622 on the 17th August, 1961 and state:

(a) the finalised purchase price of the two second-hand Viscounts for the Indian Airlines Corporation;

(b) whether the delivery of these air-crafts has been effected;

(c) what is the present price of new Viscount; and

(d) the reasons for preferring the second-hand Viscounts to new ones?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) The Indian Airlines Corporation has entered into a contract for the purchase of two Viscounts at a price of Rs. 61 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) 700 series Viscounts which is the model in use in the Indian Airlines Corporation are not being manufactured any longer. The Vickers are manufacturing 800 series only. If a special order is placed with Vickers for 700 series Viscounts, the cost may be more than Rs. 50 lakhs each.

(d) The second-hand Viscounts are preferred because of their lower cost and the advantage that they will be of the same series as those already in use in the Indian Airlines Corporation, thus facilitating their maintenance and operation.

Cement Concrete Sleepers

*84. Shri Goray: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have used the cement concrete Railway sleepers on the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, on how many lines the same have been used and since when; and