

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the negotiation;

(c) where the elevators are proposed to be set up, and their capacity; and

(d) the cost involved in the erection and upkeep of the elevators?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali) : (a) Yes, the Government of India have already negotiated and entered into an agreement with US Technical Co-operation Mission, India, for the supply of two elevators.

(b) Component parts including machinery for the two elevators have already arrived in India.

(c) One at Hapur and the other possibly at Calcutta. The capacity of each is 10,000 tons.

(d) The estimated erection cost of the two units is Rs. 10 lakhs. Cost of annual upkeep and maintenance is estimated at 2 per cent of the capital cost of (about Rs. 48 lakhs) i.e. about Rs. 1 lakh.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi : May I know whether the same kind of resistance, as they have seen in the Bombay harbour by labour, is envisaged in this case also?

Shri Abid Ali : I do not think so.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : What is the capacity of the elevators that we are going to instal?

Shri Abid Ali : The capacity of each is about 10,000 tons.

Mr. Speaker : I put a question. Does the amount of Rs. 10 lakhs include the cost also?

Shri Abid Ali : The cost is given already. It is about Rs. 48 lakhs.

Mr. Speaker : The sum of Rs. 10 lakhs is only erection charge.

Tourism

*1984. **Shri S. C. Samanta :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the schemes for home tourism are implemented by States with a measure of assistance from the Centre ;

(b) if so, the amounts sanctioned for each State, for the purpose during the First Five Year Plan (State-wise);

(c) whether publicity in regional languages is the sole responsibility of States; and

(d) on what occasions special trains and coaches are arranged or nometourists?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Nil.

(c) No, Sir. The Central Govt. is also undertaking publicity in this field.

(d) The Government of India Tourist Offices function as Information Offices and do not make arrangements for special trains and coaches. The Railway Administrations endeavour as far as possible and to the extent to which coaching stock and locomotives are available to meet request from parties for such special facility.

Shri S. C. Samanta : May I know what is the intention of Government, whether the States will open information offices or the regional offices of the Centre will supply this information to both foreigners and home tourists?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri) : The regional tourist offices will furnish information to both home and foreign tourists. But the State Governments are also setting up their own offices in certain areas, and they will also perform the same function.

Shri S. C. Samanta : May I know whether the staff at present with the regional offices will cope with home tourists also?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri : Up till now we have had no special difficulty but if it is found necessary, the staff will be increased or the State Governments might be asked to increase their staff.

Shri S. C. Samanta : May I know whether any State Government asked for any allotment for tourism in the First Five Year Plan period, as I find that no money has been granted?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri : There was no surplus money with us and it was not possible for the tourist branch of the Transport Ministry to render them any financial help.

Dr. Suresh Chandra : Apart from setting up offices for home tourists, are any other amenities also provided to them, such as provided cheap accommodation in the tourist centres?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri : Yes. We have not been able to do much so far; but we are considering building of cheap hostels where the tourists can go and stay for a few days. The payment that they might have to make should be cheap both for boarding and lodging. Some rest houses and other buildings are also being put at the disposal of the tourists by State Governments.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : In answer to (a) the Parliamentary Secretary said 'yes' and in answer to (b), he said 'nil'. If no grant is given by the Centre, how is the policy implemented and how is the work carried on?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri : The State Governments are resourceful enough to find money for this purpose.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : With the aid of the Central Government, the States carry out the policy. But when there is no grant, how is the whole policy carried out?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri : We have not given them much of financial assistance. But we have, for example, given them funds for constructing roads. Recently for Sarnath in connection with the Budha Jayanti, we gave enough funds both for Gaya, which falls in the province of the hon. Member, as well as for Banaras, Sanchi, and other places. In that way, we are trying to assist State Governments. But at the present moment, the funds allotted for this purpose by the Planning Commission is practically nil. So it would not be possible for us to help the States much in this regard.

Dr. Suresh Chandra : Is it a fact that no facilities for providing water and electricity at the Ajanta guest house, where a large number of tourists come, exist?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri : It is true that at Ajanta sufficient amenities are not available. Near Ajanta, there is a guest house and amenities are provided. But I do realise that something must be done at Ajanta proper. We have written to the State Government concerned, and if possible, we will also try to do something in the matter.

Recognition of Meritorious Work on Railways

*1986. **Shri B. S. Murthy :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 1534 on 30th August, 1956 and state :

(a) the number of cases considered by the "Inventions and Suggestions Committee" of the Southern Railway and the number of meritorious awards recommended during 1955-56; and

(b) the nature of the awards and the money value of the same?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) and (b). The details are being collected.

Shri B. S. Murthy : When will the details be available?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri) : As early as possible.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know who are the members of the 'Inventions and Suggestions Committee'?

Mr. Speaker : I think the names are published.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : The Senior Deputy General Manager or where there is no Senior Deputy General Manager, the Deputy General Manager, Works, the Chief Mechanical Engineer, Deputy Chief Engineer, Deputy Signal and Telecommunications Engineer and Senior scale Personnel Officer.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : May I know whether this Committee is confined to the Southern Railway only or such Committees are functioning on some other railways also?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : It works on all the railways.

Modernization of Airports

*1988. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh :**
Shri R. P. Garg :

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for the modernization of the Indian Air-Ports;

(b) if so, when would this be implemented;

(c) the names of the air-ports to be developed; and

(d) the main features of this modernization and total costs involved?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). I lay on the Table of the Lok Sabha statement giving the requisite information. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 27].

Sardar Iqbal Singh : Have Government considered the report of the 8th session of ICAO? If so, may I know whether Government have programmed the modernisation according to that report? If no, in what way is the programme different?

Shri Jagjivan Ram : It will be very easy for the hon. Member to understand if he goes through the Report of ICAO and compare the statement which has been supplied here.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know the number of Indian airports that have to be modernised in accordance with the international standard?