

that para that it is included in the Report? Thereby, does it not show that that para has been approved of by the Ministry itself?

Shri Raj Bahadur: At best it might be said that there was some discrepancy in regard to the expression describing a particular matter or situation.

Comet Planes for Air-India International

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*275. { **Shri E. V. K. Sampath:**
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

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

(a) whether Government propose to buy Comet IV aircrafts for Air India International;

(b) if so, how many are proposed to be purchased during 1959; and

(c) whether after purchasing these aircrafts there is any proposal to open new air services to some other countries?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) There is no proposal under consideration by Government at present for the purchase of Comet IV aircraft for the Air India International

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Shri E. V. K. Sampath: The hon Minister just now stated that there is

no proposal at present to buy Comet aircraft. But, as all other Air Companies are changing into Comet Jet for their planes, will it not be profitable for our Airlines also to consider this proposal?

Shri Mohiuddin: It is a suggestion for action. But, I may inform the House that the A.I.I. has purchased Boeings which are due to be delivered from the first quarter of 1960.

Credit from Japan for purchase of Ships

*277. **Shri Subbiah Ambalam:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 432 on 1st December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether Government have since fully utilised the Yen credit offered by the Government of Japan for shipping; and

(b) if so, the details of the orders placed against this amount?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Against an allocation of 5 billion yen earmarked for acquisition of ships from Japan, a sum of 1.89 billion yen has already been committed and the balance of 3.11 billion yen is expected to be utilised during the remainder of the Second Plan period.

Name of Shipping Company	Type and size of Vessel Ordered	Price Yen
(1) Western Shipping Corporation (P) Ltd.	1 tanker of 10,000 DWT.	815,500,000
(2) Scindia Steam Navigation Co Ltd.	1 cargo vessel of 9,500/12000 DWT.	1,076,400,000
		1,891,900,000

Shri Subbiah Ambalam: From the statement I find that orders have been placed for 2 vessels. May I know when these vessels are likely to be delivered and whether they are

second-hand vessels or newly constructed vessels?

Shri Raj Bahadur: They are new vessels; they are being manufactured