

(ii) Shri C. Lyall & Co
Rs. 1,08,21,216.00.

(d) and (e). On scrutiny of the tenders, the rates quoted by the lower tenderer for some items of work were considered freak, being very low, and therefore, unworkable. For some other items, the rates were considered to be on the high side. Besides, some arithmetical errors were noticed in the tender. In accordance with the current orders on the subject, reference was made to the lower tenderer. In reply, the tenderer intimated that he had made some changes in the rates quoted by him and had already communicated these changes immediately after submission of the tender.

In view of the urgency of the work and on the ground that there was little possibility of obtaining a lower quotation by retendering, it was decided by Army Headquarters to authorise the Chief Engineer to accept the revised offer of the lower tenderer. After allowing for adjustments in "freak" and high rates and correcting arithmetical errors, the contract was concluded by the Chief Engineer with Shri Telu Ram Jain for the sum of Rs. 1,00,84,176.20.

This case is however at present under investigation.

Houses for Plantation Workers

1386. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 886 on the 2nd December, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the working group set up to examine the question of subsidising construction of houses for plantation workers has since submitted its report; and

(b) if so, its main recommendations?

The Minister of Labour and Employment (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-2566/64.]

गाजियाबाद के निकट हवाई अड्डा

१३८७. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
श्री बी० चं० शर्मा :

क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गाजियाबाद के पास जो हवाई अड्डा बनने वाला था, उसमें आज तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) इसके लिये कितनी जमीन अजित की गई है और कितने गांवों पर उसका प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(ग) क्या इस हवाई अड्डे के बनने पर पालम हवाई अड्डे से हवाई अभ्यासों का काम हटा कर उधर कर दिया जायेगा ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री यशवन्तराव चह्वाण) : (क) हवाई पट्टी, समान्तर टैक्सी का रास्ता तथा कुछ अन्य तकनीकी इमारतें बनाने का काम शुरू हो चुका है। फरवरी, १९६४ के अन्त तक हवाई पट्टी तथा समान्तर टैक्सी के रास्ते सम्बन्धी काम का १९ प्रतिशत काम पूरा हो चुका है।

(ख) प्रायः २३०० एकड़ जमीन प्राप्त की जा चुकी है और इसका प्रभाव सात गांवों पर पड़ा है।

(ग) जी, हां।

Haj Pilgrims

1388. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government propose to give concession to Haj Pilgrims by allowing them to carry foodgrains and foodstuffs for use during their pilgrimage; and

(b) if so, the nature of facilities proposed to be extended to the pilgrims?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of