

- (iii) Government are examining a proposal submitted by a salt shipper for acquisition of 2 ships for the movement of salt and cement.

Scientific Posts in Civil Aviation Laboratories

1683. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee on Organization of Scientific Research in Civil Aviation has recommended an increase to the maximum extent possible in the number of scientific posts at the lower level in the two laboratories now maintained by the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation now maintained by the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation in New Delhi;

(b) whether the recommendation has been considered and accepted; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement the same?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A copy of the Report of the Committee on Organisation of Scientific Research in the laboratories of the Research and Development Directorate and the Radio Construction & Development Unit of the Civil Aviation Department at New Delhi has been received by Government last month.

The report is under examination. As the recommendations made therein are of far-reaching nature, they will require very careful consideration in consultation with other Ministries before decisions can be taken.

Capsizing of "Kalyani" Fishing Trawler

1684. { **Shri Kajrolkar:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavalya:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for sending "Kalyani" a fishing trawler, for fishing in

stormy weather;

(b) the number of persons who were on board and the number of persons survived;

(c) whether all of them were swimming experts and whether any qualified Tindal was on board; and

(d) whether this trawler had been duly passed in accordance with the Mercantile Marine Department Regulations?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) The trawler left Bombay on her routine exploratory fishing voyage on 15th July, 1965, when weather was not stormy.

(b) There were 14 persons on board H.T. 'Kalyani' and so far we have had reports of only one survivor.

(c) All the persons on board this trawler knew swimming. The trawler was under the command of an officer holding a Fishing Skipper's Certificate. The officer who was second in command of this trawler was also holding a Second Hand Fishing Certificate. Both these certificates are issued by the Mercantile Marine Department and are much superior to that of a Tindal.

(d) The trawler was last inspected during March/April, 1965 by the Mercantile Marine Department when repairs were carried out for seaworthiness.

Loss of Foodgrains due to Floods

1685. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the loss of various varieties of foodgrains in terms of quantities and money value due to floods in each State during the period from 1960 to 1964?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The information is not available. The time and labour involved in its collection would not be