

**SHIPPING TONNAGE**

489. SHRI PARTHASARHITHY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have placed orders for fulfilment of one million tonnes of shipping on the continent of Europe and credits have been secured in Britain, Germany and Yugoslavia to finance these purchases.

(b) whether any target has also been fixed for our Docks and Shipyards; and

(c) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO)

(a) The total tonnage presently on order in Europe is about 3.78 lakhs GRT, all in Yugoslavia where a credit is available for the building of ships. No credit has so far been secured in Britain and Germany, after the expiry of the Third Plan period for acquisition of ships.

(b) and (c) The Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam, which is building Ocean-going vessels is planning to increase its annual output from 38.500 DWT (3 ships) to 50,000 DWT (4 ships) from 1968-69.

**LOAN FOR TELUGU TEXT BOOKS**

490. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Government has requested the Central Government for the grant of a loan for setting up an Institute for the production of textbooks in Telugu for use in schools and colleges of the State;

(b) if so, the total amount asked for; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) and (b) No Sir, the request is for a grant of Rs. 201 lakhs.

(c) The scheme for production of books in the regional languages for serving as media of instruction at the university stage is not linked to and is distinct from the scheme

for establishment of State Institutes of Languages. Under this scheme for Institutes of Languages, which is in the State Sector, the envisaged ceiling of expenditure during the Fourth Five Year Plan period is only Rs. 25 lakhs on which the States will earn Central assistance only upto 40% of the expenditure.

**LANGUAGE POLICY**

491. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: DR. A. G. SONAR: SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: SHRI MOHAN SWARUP: SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA: SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH: SHRI S. C. SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has written to the Chief Ministers and Education Ministers of States seeking comments on the resolution of the Vice-Chancellors' Conference on language issue

(b) if so, whether their comments have been received:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) when a final decision in regard to the language issue will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Replies from some/Chief Ministers have been received so far and they show that they are broadly in agreement with the recommendations made by the Vice-Chancellors' Conference;

(d) The final decision in regard to the question of language will be taken, along with other aspects of the National Policy on Education after comments of all the State Governments are received and Lok Sabha discusses the Report of the Education Commission and that of the Committee of Members of Parliament on Education.

**MASTER PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS**

492. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Airports Committee have recom-