

turers have been sounded in this regard and if so, their opinion ; and

(e) what measures have been taken to ensure the safety of the air passengers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There were 7 cases of such failures in 1984 and 3 in 1985.

(c) The incidents of engine failure have been due to failure of bearings, high pressure turbine blade, fuel control unit and fuel pump, gear box, thrust reverser due to breakage of pneumatic drive motor etc. In some cases engine had to be shut down as a precaution following fluctuating-physical vibration or stalling of engine. These are known industry problems.

(d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the house.

(e) Major defects or failures are promptly investigated to establish the cause and appropriate remedial actions are taken where warranted.

Transportation of Salt From Bombay Division in Railway Rakes

5190. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the new instructions from Western Railway, the salt from the salt pan centres in the Bombay Division is to be moved in railway rakes and not through piecemeal wagon movement ;

(b) if so, whether a complaint has been received by the ministry that such a movement of salt through rakes is not possible since the quantities of salt moved from the salt pan centres in Bombay Division are not large enough ; and

(c) if so, whether the facilities of piecemeal wagon movement of salt will be restored ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

Salt to destinations on Eastern, Northern, North Eastern and Northeast Frontier Railways is being moved in rake loads so that it reaches there quickly.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In order to carry the progressively increasing volume of freight traffic in the face of resource constraints, it is necessary to optimise utilization of transport capacity by organising movement in rake loads. Salt has potential to move in rake loads. However, the condition has been relaxed to permit piecemeal loading for a temporary period to give the trade time to tie up arrangements for organising offering of traffic in rake loads.

Quality Control of Irrigation Project

5191. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has any special machinery to observe strict quality control with regard to major and medium irrigation projects ; and

(b) if so, details of the results achieved by such machinery during the Sixth Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Irrigation projects are planned, funded and constructed by the State Governments and the quality control is also maintained by them.

Irrigation Projects of West Bengal Awaiting Clearance

5192. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether proposals for some irrigation projects have been forwarded by West Bengal Government for approval ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether these have been approved ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) The following projects reports have been received from West Bengal Government for techno-economic clearance.