

(c) when is this project likely to be completed and fully operational ?

**THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) New Line between Bibinagar and Miryalguda has been opened for traffic and further work is in progress.

(b) An allotment of Rs. 5.5 crores has been made for 1986-87.

(c) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

**Overhauling of Helicopters at Engineering Base at Begumpet Airport**

6991. **SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether Government propose to entrust the overhaul and maintenance of the helicopters owned by the Helicopter Corporation to the engineering base at Begumpet Airport which is centrally located in the country ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) :** No, Sir. There is no proposal to entrust the overhaul and maintenance of the helicopters owned by the Helicopter Corporation to the Engineering base at Begumpet Airport.

**Proposal for All India Port Service**

6992. **PROF. K.V. THOMAS :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to have an All India Port Service ; and

(b) if so, the details of its structure ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :** (a) and (b). The National Shipping Board has recommended that the Government may consider establishing/introducing an All India Port Service. Since various aspects connected with major ports, including their administrative and operational structure, inter-port transfer of manpower, etc. form part of the terms of reference of the Major Ports Reforms Committee appointed by Government in January, 1984, Government are awaiting the report of the Major Ports

Reforms Committee before considering the matter further,

**Role of Vitamin 'A' in Prevention of Cancer**

6993. **DR. T. KALPANA DEVI :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Vitamin 'A' has got any significant role in cancer prevention ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether any other vitamin helps in preventing cancer and if so, the details thereof ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) :** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Studies have been conducted outside India on the associations between dietary intakes of Vit. A and its precursors such as beta carotene, and malignancies such as lung cancer, precancer and cancer of uterine cervix etc. Several reports suggest lower risk of lung cancer in those who have high or intermediate frequency of consumption of foods high in Vit. A. Studies in Japan indicate a risk-reducing effect of green yellow vegetables (which are rich in beta carotene, Vit. A, Vit. C, and dietary fibres) in reducing the risk of lung cancer and other selected sites of cancer.

(c) Other Vitamins which are of interest to researchers investigating their role in cancer prevention are Vit. C, Vit. E and Folic Acid (one of the B Complex group of vitamins).

**Overbridge on Railway level crossing in Palghat Town**

6994. **SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct an over-bridge over the railway level crossing in Palghat town ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is going to be constructed ?

**THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.