

**Panel to Clear Ship Purchases on the Spot**

244. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a panel to clear ship purchases on the spot; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). The Government set up in April, 1987 a Ship Acquisition Licensing Committee Chaired by Secretary (Surface Transport) to consider and recommend ship acquisition proposals by Private Sector shipping companies. This Committee meets every month and normally decision of the Government is communicated to the applicant company within 45 days.

As far as clearance of ship purchases by Public Sector shipping companies is concerned, the procedure prescribed by Government for Public Sector Undertakings is being followed.

**Reservation of Berths at Ports for Maritime Cellular Vessels of International Shipping Lines**

245. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering proposals for the immediate reservation of berths at the ports for maritime cellular vessels of International Shipping Lines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). The following 24 cities and towns in Karnataka are likely to be provided with S.T.D. facility during 1990-91:-

PORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). A proposal has been received from Madras Port Trust requesting for Government's approval for a Scheme for providing reservation to mainline vessels of international as well as Indian Shipping Lines. The salient features of the scheme are:-

- (1) The Shipping Company will have to intimate 90 days in advance the specific date of arrival and will have to pay the reservation fees in advance;
- (2) An agreement will be entered into between the Port and the Shipping Lines in which the latter will have to guarantee an annual throughput;
- (3) Additional gantry cranes will be provided on extra payment;
- (4) Scheme will be on an experimental basis for one year.

**S.T.D. Facility in Karnataka**

246. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in Karnataka which are likely to be provided with S.T.D. facility during 1990-91; and

(b) the names of those cities?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). The following 24 cities and towns in Karnataka are likely to be provided with S.T.D. facility during 1990-91:-

Ankola, Arsikere, Bailhongal, Basavakalyan, Challakere, Chikkodi, Gokak,