

(b) None.

**South Korean Offer for Deepening
Paradip Port**

**2712. SHRI SOMNATH RATH:
SHRI SATYENDRA
NARAYAN SINHA :**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a South Korean firm has offered a credit of \$ 115 million to India for deepening the Paradip port to enable the entry of bulk carriers of 2 lakh D.W.T. and the offer also aims to increase iron export through the port to the South Korean Steel Company ;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the credit offer from the South Korean firm ;

(c) if so, the broad terms and the estimated cost of the project ; and

(d) by what time the project is likely to be completed ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF
THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND
TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :**

(a) Yes, Sir. An offer has been received by M.M.T.C.

(b) Not yet.

(c) The proposal envisages deepening of the approach channel, entrance channel, turning basin from 12.25 to 20 Mtrs. and setting up a new berth with mechanised handling facilities for export of iron ore. M/s. Hyundai Corporation have indicated that the cost of upgradation of the port as indicated above will be US \$ 115.525 million.

(d) A completion time of 3 years has been indicated by the South Korean firm M/s Hyundai Corporation in its proposal.

**Appointment of a Contractor to
Attend Civil Engineering works
of SCIA Bombay**

**2713. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOW-
DHARY :** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the head office of the Shipping Corporation of India at Bombay has the technical staff to attend to the Civil Engineering works ; and

(b) if so, the reasons as to why a contractor has been engaged for the same jobs on payment of Rs. 26,000/- per month ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF
THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND
TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :**

(a) and (b) : Shipping Corporation of India has at present one Civil Engineer and 6 other technical staff to attend to the Civil Engineering Works. This staff carries out the maintenance of the SCI's head office building at Bombay. In addition, SCI has 110 owned/leased houses spread over in Bombay and Greater Bombay upto a distance of 45 kms. and maintenance of these houses cannot be done with the existing staff. In view of this and due to fluctuating volume of maintenance activity SCI has been engaging contractors for maintenance of these houses since inception. The monthly expenditure involved in this contract is Rs. 15,500/-.

**Zerox/Photo-Copying Jobs given to
Private Companies by S.C.I.
Bombay**

**2714. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOW-
DHARY :** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of automatic zerox/photo-copying machines are lying idle in the head-office of Shipping Corporation of India Bombay ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore ; and

(c) whether such jobs as may be performed by putting the aforesaid machines to use have been given to private companies and if so, the reason therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) : The Shipping Corporation of India Limited has 14 xerox/photocopying machines. Most of these are outdated and accordingly out of commission for want of consumables and spares.

(c) In view of the above, some jobs pertaining to xeroxing/photocopying of voluminous nature such as reports, documents, statements of large size etc. are at present done by SCI through contractors. The SCI is being advised to develop "in house capability" for this.

Sprinkler and Drip System of Irrigation

2715. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE : Will the Minister of

IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sprinkler and drip system of irrigation are useful for conservation of water and for avoiding its wastage ;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating a plan of action for the use of these systems for the benefit of small and marginal farmers in India ; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : To encourage use of sprinkler/drip system, Ministry of Irrigation and Power had sanctioned a centrally sponsored scheme during 1982-83. Under this scheme subsidies were made available to small and marginal farmers and other farmers on the following pattern.

I. Rates of subsidy		Upper limit of subsidy for	
Small & marginal farmer (percent)	Other farmer (percent)	Small & marginal farmer (in Rs.)	other farmer
50	20	20,000	8000
II. Approved ceiling in terms of units			
(1) Small and marginal farmers		75 percent	
(2) Other farmers		25 "	

An amount of Rs. 2.16 crores was released as matching central subsidy to various States during 1982-83 to 1984-85. The Centrally sponsored scheme is proposed to be continued during Seventh Plan.

[Translation]

Demands made by Working Group on Thermal Power

2716. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAO : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the demand made by working group on Thermal Power and whether the Planning Commission have given their approval for Thermal Power ; and

(b) the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) The working Group on Power envisaged thermal capacity addition of