

**Extension of Tungabhadra Express upto
Guntakal**

706. SHRI M. SUBBA REDDY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend Tungabhadra express from Secunderabad upto Guntakal ; and

(b) if so, from which date train is proposed to be extended ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Regional Coaching Centres

707. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether regional coaching centres have been set up in capitals and big cities of various states in the country under the national coaching scheme ;

(b) if so, whether a coaching centre has also been opened in Lucknow under the said scheme ;

(c) if so, since when it has been functioning there ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A regional coaching centre under the national coaching scheme was opened in Lucknow in the year 1972 but on the request of the state government, it was shifted to Meerut in 1976. However, 9 NIS coaches are working at present in Lucknow to assist the State Government in running sports hostels and other sports activities in that city.

[English]

National Port Authority

708. SHRI MULLAPPALLY :
RAMA CHANDRAN :
SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK :
SHRI HARI KRISHNA
SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether consequent upon the recommendations in the report of the National Shipping Board, Government have taken steps to constitute a National Port Authority ; and

(b) if so, the details of the powers and functions of such Authority ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :

(a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise.

**Construction of New Hooghly Bridge in
Calcutta**

709. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will be Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in the construction of the new Hooghly bridge in Calcutta and how far it is behind the schedule ;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of steel plates imported from Rumania for use in the new Hooghly bridge have been found to be defective and will have to be replaced ;

(c) if so, who will foot the bill for the defective steel plates ;

(d) whether Rumania has been asked to pay any compensation for the defective steel plates ;

(e) if so, their reaction and if not, the reasons therefor ;

(f) how is it proposed to meet the shortage of some types of structural steels within the country ; and

(g) the financial loss caused as a result of the delay in fabrication work and defective Rumanian plates ?