

(b) whether Government have made any study to know the causes thereof; and

(c) if, so, the details thereof and the measures taken by Government to save the embankment which is endangering the villages ?

**THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :**

(a) to (c) There has been no sinking of the embankment. However, the Uttar Pradesh Government have reported that a settlement of 15 to 20 Cms. was noticed in a length of about 50 metres in the embankment constructed across an old course of a drain at Km. 103 of main canal. No danger to the embankment and the villages nearby is apprehended as the embankment has been built with necessary core walls to safeguard against any seepage/breach.

#### **Critical Evaluation of Maintenance wing of Airlines**

1579. **PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE :** Will the Minister of **CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any critical evaluation of the maintenance wing of the airlines after the failure of the Prime Minister's aircraft on his return journey after attending the London Summit;

(b) if so, the results thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) the disparities, if any, with regard to the incentives and facilities offered by Government to the staff of Development and Maintenance Wings for the career prospects stating the reasons for the disparities ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYLER) :** (a) to (c) The Government appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal C.K.S. Raja, Chairman, National Airports Authority in this regard. The report of

the Committee has been accepted by Government and action is being taken thereon.

#### **New 'Multi-Change' Ticket in DTC Buses**

1580. **SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :** Will the Minister of **SURFACE TRANSPORT** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi Transport Corporation has decided to introduce a new 'multi-change' ticket to reduce the financial burden on commuters traveling by more than two buses in the Capital; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Corporation has introduced a multi-change ticket costing Rs. 1.50P per ticket w.e.f. 1.11.1986 on trial basis for one month. This ticket will permit two bus change-overs and will be valid for maximum two hours during which the commuter will have to undertake his journey.

#### **Computerisation with the help of I.B.M., U.S.A.**

1581. **SHRI BASUDEB ACHAKIA :**  
**SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY :**  
**SHRI AMAL DATTA :**  
**SHRI MUKLI DEORA :**

Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rs. 1100 crore railway information computerisation programme is being given to the IBM of USA instead of ECIL of India;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a decision;

(c) how this decision is going to help the railways in terms of money and efficiency; and

(d) whether it would help in development of indigenous computerisation system ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) No, Sir. A decision was taken in 1982 on the type of computer to be utilised for the Central System of the Freight OIS project. This envisaged that the Central System computer could be either an IBM or an IBM-compatible computer manufactured by any other company. The tender which was floated for this has not yet been finalised. In regard to the seven zonal computer systems, no decision has yet been taken about the type of computer to be procured.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

**Central Investment on the Development of Nhava Sheva Harbour**

1582. **SHRI UTTAM RATHOD :** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the Central investment so far made on the development of Nhava Sheva harbour ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :** Upto September, 1986, an amount of Rs. 81.97 crores has been incurred on Nhava Sheva Port Project. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 10 crores has been provided by the Central Government by way of loans and the balance of Rs. 71.97 crores has been met by the Port Trust from out of loans taken from Bombay Port Trust.

**Recommendations of Lakshminarayanan Committee on Sethusamudaram Project**

1583. **SHRI UTTAM RATHOD :** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the recommendations of Lakshminarayanan Committee which studied the feasibility of Sethusamudaram Canal Project;

(b) the action taken thereon;

(c) whether it was admitted on the floor of Lok Sabha in 1981 by the then Defence Minister that Sethusamudaram Project is of strategic and defence importance; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementing the Project ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :** (a) The Committee under the Chairmanship of Late Shri Lakshminarayanan in its report in April, 1983 had recommended the construction of a Ship canal for 30 loaded draft vessels at an estimated cost of Rs. 282 crores.

(b) The matter was examined by Govt. At the time of formulation of the VII Plan, no provision has been made for the Project.

(c) Information is being collected.

(d) The position has been explained in 'b' above.

**Better Facilities for Mountaineers and Trekkers**

1584. **SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :**  
**SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :**  
**SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the leading mountaineers and trekkers during the 4th Himalayan Mountaineering and Tourism meeting have demanded better facilities to the trainees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and