

(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