

**International Conference on
Transportation System Studies**

3453. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the recommendations of the 5-day International Conference on Transportation System Studies (ICOTSS-86) held in New Delhi in December, 1986; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The recommendations of the seminar have not yet been received by the Ministry of Railways.

Assistance to Shipping Industry

3454. SHRI GOPAL KRISHNA THOTA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to assist the Shipping Industry which is suffering losses and becoming sick;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to take over the sick shipping companies on a temporary basis by the Shipping Corporation of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) and financial institutions/banks have set up a new company called Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India (SCICI) which would provide financial assistance to shipping companies in the private sector on the basis of the viability of their proposals. In the case of sick shipping companies, the matter would be considered on a case to case basis and suitable rehabilitation packages would be

evolved by the SCICI if the company was found to be potentially viable. Financial assistance would be provided broadly on the rates hitherto being charged by the Shipping Development Fund Committee.

(c) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal.

Import of rails

3455. SHRI GOPAL KRISHNA THOTA :
SHRI SRIHARI RAO :
SHRI YASHWANTRAO
GADAKH PATIL :
SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of expenditure in foreign exchange likely to be incurred by the Railway in the import of rails;

(b) the names of supplying countries;

(c) the indigenous production of such rails with its comparative cost vis a vis proposed imports; and

(d) the steps taken by Government towards attaining self-sufficiency in indigenous production of rails ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 32 crores approximately in 1986-87.

(b) Canada, France, South Korea, U.K. and Yugoslavia.

(c) 3.44 lakh tonnes of rails have been produced in 1985-86 of which Railways received 3.25 lakh tonnes. In 1986-87 (upto February 1987) 2.12 lakh tonnes of rails have been supplied. The cost per tonne of imported 52 kg. 90 UTS rail including custom duty is Rs. 9071/- and that of indigenous rail of same quality is Rs. 8900/-.

(d) Steps are being taken by Bhilai Steel Plant to augment production of rail