

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c). The Central Government does not provide financial assistance to State Govts. specifically for social security schemes for the weaker section in the State.

Arrangements for transportation of Haj Pilgrims

2153. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrangements for extra aircraft/extra flights to cope with the rush in connection with the Haj Pilgrimage was made by Government;

(b) if so, the details of the arrangements made;

(c) whether any concession is being granted to the Haj Pilgrims this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K.K. TEWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following were the special arrangements:--

(i) Three Special Air-India flights from Delhi on 16th and 17th July, 1988 carrying a total of 778 pilgrims;

(ii) Transportation from Delhi to Bombay on 19th July, of 505 pilgrims out of whom 313 flew from Bombay to Jeddah by a special charter flight while the rest were provided seats in Air-India's scheduled flights to Jeddah.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Details of the concessions are as follows:--

(i) Concessional seafares in both the first class and the bunk class were

extended to 4,675 pilgrims who travelled by sea.

(ii) Concessional airfares to pilgrims who travelled by air.

Implementation of engineering projects in Orissa

2154. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the centrally sponsored engineering projects under implementation in Orissa;

(b) whether the delay in the completion of those projects is leading to cost escalation;

(c) if so, the steps taken to expedite the execution of those projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) According to the Quarterly Monitoring System of the Ministry of Programme Implementation as on 31.3.1983, in respect of projects costing over Rs. 20 crores each, there are no Engineering Projects falling under Heavy, Medium and Light Engineering, under implementation in Orissa.

(b) to (d). Do not anse.

Manufacture of colour shells for colour T.V.

2155. SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering proposals for granting licences to three units for the manufacture of colour shells for colour TV sets in collaboration with foreign concerns; and

(b) if so, how much foreign exchange is expected to be required for import of technology and equipments from foreign coun-