

(b) Yes, Sir. The Frankfurt Book Fair is an annual feature in which more than 100 countries including African countries participate.

(c) No, Sir. India shall have no direct communication with the participants from South Africa.

**Amount earmarked for Buckingham and Krishna Canal Project**

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

(a) whether Government have earmarked any amount for the Buckingham Canal and the Krishna Canal Projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress of the actual work in this regard?

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

(b) In the Seventh Five-Year Plan, funds have been provided amounting to Rs. 2.00 crores for improvement of North-Buckingham Canal stretch between Ennore to Andhra Pradesh border in Tamil Nadu and Rs. 3.00 crores for improvement of Buckingham Canal in Andhra Pradesh alongwith improvement of Krishna & Godavari Canal systems namely, Commamur, Eluru Canal and Kakinada Canal. A comprehensive feasibility Study for inter-linking of the Canal system (Buckingham Canal—Commamur Canal—Eluru Canal—Kakinada Canal) for navigation between Madras and Kakinada Ports is proposed to be undertaken under the technical assistance programme of Federal Republic of Germany. An FRG Expert has already visited the Canal system with a view to formulate terms of reference of the above Study. A Team of Experts propose to study the proposal.

(c) After knowing and analysing the results of the Feasibility Study, the

development works will be taken up for implementation.

[*Translation*]

**Shuttle train between Agra and Jhansi**

640. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a shuttle train between Agra and Jhansi;

(b) if so, from which date;

(c) whether Government also propose to lay a broad or metre gauge line between Gwalior and Sawai Madhopur via Sabalgarh, Sheopurkalana during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(d) if so, whether survey for this line is likely to be taken up during 1986-87; and

(e) whether Government have received any proposal from Madhya Pradesh Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Requests for this line have received from various sources.

[*English*]

**Governing Council of Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage**

641. SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the composition of the Governing Council of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage;