

कर लद्दाख के विकास के बारे में कोई विशेष नीति अपनाने का है ?

**प्रधान मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) :**

(क) और (ख). लद्दाख क्षेत्र के लिए अलग विकास योजनाएं तीसरी योजना से प्रस्तावित की गई हैं। अगली पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए नीतियों और कार्यक्रमों की इस समय समीक्षा की जा रही है।

**Complaints from M. Ps. Received by Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.**

2893. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a standing instructions to the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. to probe all the complaints forwarded by the M.P. and to give him a final reply within 21 days; and

(b) if so, how many letters, complaints, representations have been received by the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. from the M.P., how many of them have been probed and how many of them have been replied in the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) An internal office order was recently issued by the Chairman of the Company requiring issue of final replies to letters received from Members of Parliament, within 21 days.

(b) The Chairman of the Company received 38 letters from Members of Parliament during the period June to November, 1977. Final replies have been sent to 30 of these letters. The remaining eight, received during November, 1977, are being attended to. Information in respect of MPs. letters addressed to the other Officers of the Company is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Clandestine Export of Hindi Films to the Gulf**

2894. SHRI KACHARULAL HEM-RAJ JAIN:

SHRI D. G. GAWAI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been some clandestine export of Hindi films to the Gulf and beyond;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in this connection; and

(c) the action taken against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) A news-item about seizure of a Hindi feature film by the Bombay Airport Customs from three Dubai-bound passengers of an Air India flight was brought to the notice of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting recently by the Chairman, Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation. The matter has since been referred by the Ministry to Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and Directorate of Enforcement for investigation and further action.

(b) and (c). The desired information is being collected from the concerned Department and will be laid on the Table of Lok Sabha in due course of time.

**India Road Construction Corporation**

2895. SHRI P. V. PERIASAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up Indian Road Construction Corporation in the Public sector has been given up; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT: (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Decline in the Profitability of the Shipping Industry**

2896. SHRI SHANKERSINHJI VAGHELA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Shipping Industry whose profitability has come down considerably due to world-wide recession is likely to continue to face bad days during the current year with their cash flow returns becoming smaller than before; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) On present indications, this may well happen.

(b) It is primarily for the companies concerned to adopt suitable measures to maximise their net earnings. However, depending upon the merits of each case, the Shipping Development Fund Committee has been extending various types of reliefs to deserving shipping companies.

**News Item Captioned "Diseases come from Space"**

2897. SHRI ANANT DAVE: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a press report which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 23rd November, 1977 to the effect that two world renowned astronomers have said that diseases and epidemics on earth actually come from space and have called for a "continual microbiological vigil of the stratosphere to eliminate the havoc which will ensue

from extra-terrestrial invasions in the future"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Press Report is based on an article which appeared in a British journal. There are various theories in this regard many of which have yet to be verified.

**Expansion of Capacities with Minimum Capital Investment**

2898. SHRI SHIV SAMPATI RAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had advised the industrialists to expand their capacities with minimum capital investment or utilise the existing capacities to the fullest extent; and

(b) the reaction of industrialists to this call?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. While addressing the Bombay Chamber of Commerce recently, in the context especially of the situation prevailing in the cement industry, I had advised the cement industry to expand their capacity with minimum capital investment or utilise the existing capacities to the fullest extent. This statement has been well-received.

**Reconstitution of Advisory Boards of AIR Stations**

2899. CHAUDHURY BRAHM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is determined to bring AIR and Doordarshan under autonomous corporation;