

ever, the number of open heart operations done in the AIIMS are as under:

1976	150
1977	150
1978	166

माल सेवा प्रारम्भ करना

6892. श्री बाबुल सुन्दरई: क्या नौबहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या भारतीय नौबहन निगम का विकास खाड़ी के देशों के लिए कोचीन से नियमित माल सेवा प्रारम्भ करने का है और उसका व्यौरा क्या है ?

नौबहन और परिवहन मन्त्रालय में प्रचारी राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबू राम): भारतीय नौबहन निगम का फिलहाल कोचीन से खाड़ी वाले देशों तक नियमित रूप से कारगो सवित्त शुरू करने का कोई इरादा नहीं है।

Survey on Road Transport

6893. SHRI F. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a Survey conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research about road transport in the country;

(b) whether the Survey has suggested setting up of Road Transport Finance Corporation at the National and State levels for the benefit of transporters facing financial shortages;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to low profitability and high default tendency among the transporters, the National Banks have of late slowed down or even stopped advances for purchase of trucks; and

(d) if so, measures proposed to be taken to revitalise the growth of road transport industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) and (b), A survey conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research about road transport, while dealing with the subject matter of finances for the purchase of trucks, makes a mention as under:—

“Perhaps, creation of a Transport Finance Corporation for road transport at National and State level which will ensure credit facilities at reasonable rates for the purchase of trucks has been suggested by the representatives of Industry will solve the problem of financing.”

(c) and (d). The following table summarises the position regarding borrowing by transport operators:—

	June 1976	June 1977	June 1978
No. of borrowal Accounts (Units)	107,895	1,704,118	192,122
Amount outstanding in Rs. crores	193.40	252.78 (Prov.)	306.61 (Prov.)

(The above figures are inclusive of borrowings by Water Transport Operators since separate figures for only road transport are not available.)

As can be seen from the above table, there is no slowing down of advances by the Banks to the transport operators. On the contrary, there is a substantial increase in the number of