

Compensation paid by Burma to Repatriates

4430. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Burma who nationalised all business assets including stocks on March 19, 1964 has paid any amount of compensation to the repatriated Indians; and

(b) if no, what steps the Government of India propose to take?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The matter has been raised with the Government of Burma from time to time. There has, however, been no further progress.

Proposal to acquire new equipments for Ports

4431. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to maximum utilisation of capacity and to meet the growing demand it is proposed to acquire new equipment for various ports;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to start new shipping services to various countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Shipping services to various countries are operated by Shipping companies both in the public and the private sectors. The Shipping Corporation of India proposes to start container shipping service from West Coast of India to West Africa during December, 1960.

Connecting South Avenue with A.I.I.M.S. by DTC Buses

4432. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests from the Members of Parliament to connect South Avenue with A.I.I.M.S., Safdarjung Hospital via Nauroji Nagar;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that South Avenue is not connected by any bus route with South Delhi; and

(d) if so what action Government propose to take to give this facility to the commuters of this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of the convenient change-over facilities available at Udyog Bhawan and Krishji Bhawan bus stops which are well connected by a number of services to South Avenue and A.I.I.M.S. it has not been considered justified to introduce the proposed route.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. South Avenue is connected with parts of South Delhi directly by routes Nos. 620, 680, 710 and 720. It is also connected with other South Delhi areas such as A.I.I.M.S. Safdarjung Hospital etc. by change-over facilities at Udyog/Krishji Bhawan.

Criteria for giving Central Assistance to State Government for Health Schemes

4433. SHRI B. D. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of Central assistance given to the State Governments to carry out their Health Schemes during the last three years. State-wise;