

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. The Scindia Steam Navigation Co Ltd., Bombay are understood to have finalised negotiations with this Corporation for obtaining a foreign exchange loan of £ 525,000 to meet part of the purchase price of two ships. No other shipping company is known to be having negotiations with the Corporation for such loans.

#### Family Planning

2442. Shri Ramkrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the statement of Prof. Rock of Harvard University at a press conference that a cheap pill for birth control is available; and

(b) if so, whether such pills can be widely distributed to popularise birth control measures among poorer classes?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) No Sir. The information in respect of the pill with which Dr. Rock and Dr. Pincus are associated is however available in a printed paper circulated at the 6th International Conference on Planned Parenthood.

(b) The research on such pills is still being carried out and the question of its distribution does not arise at this stage.

#### Lift Irrigation in Punjab

2443. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of allocations made so far under the Second

Five Year Plan to Punjab State for lift irrigation schemes in that State?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The allocations made to Punjab so far under the Second Five Year Plan for lift irrigation schemes is as stated below:—

Year	Amount allocated.
	(Rs. in lakhs).
1956-57	87.07
1957-58	149.12
1958-59	102.00
1959-60	105.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>443.24</b>

#### Warehouses in Punjab

2444. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount sanctioned for the establishment of the Central Warehouses in Punjab State during 1959-60?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): No specific amount has been earmarked for the year 1959-60 for the establishment of Central Warehouses in Punjab.

माल डिब्बे बनाने के लिये ठेके

२४४५. श्री जगदीश प्रवल्ही: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले दो वर्षों में किन-किन गैर-सरकारी साधनों को माल डिब्बे तथा रेलवे का अन्य सामान बनाने के लिये एजुकेशनल ठेके दिये गये; और

(ख) प्रत्येक ठेके की प्रगति क्या थी और प्रत्येक के सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है?

रेलवे उपलब्धी (श्री शम्भुदास जाँ) :  
(क) और (ख). एक बवाल सभा पटल पर  
रख दिया गया है। [बेसिने परिशिष्ट ५,  
अनुसूचि सख्या ५३].

#### Tube-Wells in Bombay

2446. **Shri M. B. Thakore:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what was the total sum allocated to the Government of Bombay for construction of tube-wells in the Gujerat area in the years 1956-57 and 1957-58?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The total sum sanctioned to the Government of Bombay for construction of tube-wells for irrigation purposes in the North Gujerat area in the years 1956-57 and 1957-58 were Rs. 20.00 lakhs and Rs. 75.00 lakhs, respectively.

#### Indamer Air Company

2447. **Shri Halder:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the same officials who were punished for irregularities in the management of Indamer and Company were now absorbed in Messrs. Kalinga Air Lines; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Some of the pilots and engineers who were warned and against whom action was taken by the Director General of Civil Aviation for certain irregularities committed by them while in the service of the Indamer Company are at present reported to be in the employ of Kalinga Airlines.

(b) The punishment awarded to the pilots and engineers concerned did not contemplate that they would be debarred from being employed.

#### Cattle in Tripura

2448. **Shri Bangshi Thakur:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to break out of epidemic, cows and bullocks of Asharambari area of Khowai, Tripura are dying in large numbers resulting in hardship to the farmers; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far to remedy this situation?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). The information has been called for from the Tripura Administration and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is available.

#### Hostels for Children of Railway Employees

2449. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how far the proposal to set up the subsidised hostels for the children of railway employees in Northern Railway has progressed;

(b) whether sites have been selected;

(c) how many students can be provided in these hostels;

(d) what would be the estimated cost of construction of these hostels; and

(e) the educational institutions that could be availed of by the students residing in these hostels?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) A permanent hostel will be built in due course at Charbagh, Lucknow. Plans and estimates are under verification. Meanwhile a grainshop building at Alambagh, Lucknow will serve as a temporary hostel for a limited number from July 1959.