

been more prompt in the payment of instalments due to the Shipyard

(b) Rs 8 20 lakhs

(c) The Shipyard has been vigorously pursuing the question of delayed payments with the owners concerned in each case and have often sought the aid of the Director-General of Shipping and the Ministry of Transport to ensure minimum delay in the payment of instalments. This has worked satisfactorily in most cases.

Breakdown of a Travelling Crane in Hindustan Shipyard

692 Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the breakdown of the new 45-ton travelling crane erected between berths I and II, seriously affected the production of the Hindustan Shipyard,

(b) whether an enquiry has been instituted to find out the cause of this breakdown, and

(c) if so, with what results?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes

(b) and (c) Yes. The breakdown of the crane was mainly due to the breaking of the Pivot bearing rollers. The broken parts have since been replaced by the suppliers at their own cost including the cost of air-freight for their transport from Holland, and the cost of the Erector sent out for the purpose of repairing and recommissioning the crane.

Hindustan Shipyard

693. Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether a sum of Rs 96,62,886 has been claimed by Hindustan Shipyard as subsidy from Government for the construction of V C 120, V C 121 and V C 135 and

(b) what is the basis of calculating this subsidy?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) The present practice of the Shipyard is to sell ships constructed in the Yard to Shipowners at a price, which the latter would have to pay for similar ships built in a UK Shipyard. This price is known as the 'UK Parity price'. The difference between the actual cost incurred by the Shipyard on the construction of ships and the 'UK Parity price', is paid by Government as subsidy.

Hindi Telegraph Service

694 Shri S. M. Banerjee. Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether any unit for the development of Hindi Telegraph Service has been set up in the country, and

(b) if so, its composition?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S K Patil) (a) No separate unit has been set up for the purpose, but a Hindi Telegraph knowing official is working in the P & T Directorate.

(b) Does not arise.

New Primary Schools for Children of Railway Employees

695. Shri Muhammed Elias: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many primary schools will be opened by the Railway Ministry for the children of Railway employees and workers during the year 1950?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): 510 new single teacher austerity type primary schools are intended to be opened at different places on the Railways during the current year. A large number out of these have already been opened and are functioning.