

Hyderabad has been selected and is being surveyed in detail. A preliminary estimate for the construction of the gliderdrome is under preparation.

The Gliding Centre will be started as soon as the work on the development of the gliderdrome is completed.

Paradip Port

91. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri B. C. Mullick:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 69 on the 2nd August, 1960 and state the upto-date progress made regarding the development of port facilities at Paradip in Orissa?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of **Transport and Communications** (Shri Raj Bahadur): The results of further model tests being conducted by the Poona Research Station are still awaited.

Loans to the Government of Orissa for development of Paradip during the current year will, as usual, be given towards the end of the current financial year.

Existing port facilities at Paradip are:—

- (i) Short facilities:
- 3 temporary wooden jetties;
 - 2 open storage areas; and
 - Vast area of land estate.
- (ii) Harbour Craft:
- 2 tugs;
 - 1 pilot vessel;
 - 1 service launch;
 - 1 survey launch; and
 - 1 lighter.

Development schemes costing Rs. 99 lakhs as recommended by the Intermediate Ports Development Committee, have been included in the tentative Third Plan for development of Paradip Port. As soon as these

schemes are executed, the port will be able to handle 2.5 lakh tons of traffic.

Committee on Inland Water Transport

92. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 37 on the 2nd August, 1960 and state:

(a) the latest position about the examination of recommendations of the Gokhale Committee on Inland Water Transport; and

(b) which of the recommendations have been implemented so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of **Transport and Communications** (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). There has been no change in the statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in reply to Starred Question No. 37 on the 2nd August, 1960.

Overcrowding in Trains

93. { Shri Tangamani:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether overcrowding on main line trains still continues; and

(b) if so, what further steps are being taken to reduce overcrowding?

The Deputy Minister of **Railways** (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, on some sections on certain main line trains;

(b) Within the provision available in the 2nd Five Year Plan, it has not been possible to increase passenger transport capacity to an extent to eliminate overcrowding altogether. However, the available resources have been so utilised that the extent of overcrowding between different