

**Inconveniences to Travellers And Tourists  
at Sahar Airport, Bombay**

1080. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the article "Sahar, World's Worst Airport" appeared in the 'Blitz' of 29 October, 1983;

(b) whether Government have taken note of the comments made by the ex-IATA Chief regarding inconveniences at entry points affecting travellers and tourists;

(c) the reaction of Government on the above particularly regarding inadequate ground infrastructure;

(d) whether Government have decided to revive the facilities to the foreign tourists for entry without advance visa; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to improve the conditions of the airports to remove bottlenecks and prevent smuggling ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(e) The present peak-hour capacity of Sahar terminal is inadequate. However, this will be doubled when the second phase of this terminal now under construction is completed. This will considerably relieve the congestion in the ground infrastructure. The position is also sought to be improved by persuading IATA to re-schedule certain flights to avoid bunching of flights.

(d) Government have not revived this facility. However, landing permits for specified periods continue to be available to organised foreign tourist

groups sponsored and conducted by recognised Indian Travel Agencies.

(c) The terminal buildings at international airports have been extended by interim modifications and improvements effected to their operational area, equipment etc. As a long term measure, construction of new structures have been undertaken at Delhi, Bombay and Madras airports. Measures to prevent smuggling are being taken care of by the concerned authorities.

**Dry Port In Madhya Pradesh**

1081. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government has drawn a scheme to establish a "Dry Port" in the state :

(b) whether the Central Government has agreed to this proposal; and

(c) if so, main features of the proposal, proposed location, capital base; utility and the time-frame of its operation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) :(a) No such proposal has been received from the State Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**अमरीका द्वारा पाकिस्तान को हथियारों  
की सहायता**

1082. प्रो० अजित कुमार मेहता :  
श्री रवीन्द्र वर्मा :

श्री बापू साहिब परुलेकर : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अमरीका द्वारा पाकिस्तान को हथियारों की सहायता दिए