

existing colleges and Departments of the University. The Delhi Administration has offered to the University of Delhi to open two new colleges to cope with the admission problem. The offer is under consideration of the University authorities.

Memorandum from the Indian Federation of Transport Operators

5788. SHRI MANORANJAN HAZRA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Indian Federation of Transport Operators on the 25th June, 1971 ;

(b) if so, the points raised therein ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Completion of Road Link between Siddhi and Surguja (Madhya Pradesh)

5789. SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the delay in the completion of the road link between the Districts of Siddhi and Surguja ;

(b) the reason why the Central aid for it has been stopped ; and

(c) if not, the steps Government purpose to take to expedite its completion ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) to (c). The necessary information has been called for from the Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Bihar and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is received from them.

Facility provided to Farmers by Air India for Export of Fresh Vegetables to European Markets

5790. SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL

AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what facilities Air India provides to the farmers who want to export fresh vegetables to the European Markets ;

(b) whether any study has been carried out to fully exploit this method of earning foreign exchanges ; and

(c) what are the present difficulties in giving an assured air cargo space to vegetable growers who would like to have this facility on an annual basis ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) Air India have introduced special low commodity rates for transportation of fresh fruit and vegetables to Europe and the U. K. They provide information regarding available markets abroad and also assist with advice regarding packaging, etc.

(b) Yes, Sir. Detailed investigation has been carried out to ascertain available markets for export of fresh fruit and vegetables.

(c) It has not been found practical to reserve air cargo space, but no difficulty is anticipated in meeting the requirements of exporters.

Cargo Space on Air India Flights

5791. SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cargo space on Air India Flights seldom goes fully booked on flights to Europe ;

(b) if so, whether this situation will worsen with the introduction of jumbo flights ; and

(c) the steps taken to promote farmers to make use of air cargo space for fresh fruits and vegetables ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) and (b). Air India's cargo capacity on its Boeing 707s has been fully utilised. However, with the introduction of high capacity Boeing 747 aircraft some load/space is available on

flights to Europe. Air India is making an intensive sales promotion drive and expects there will be an adequate demand for its cargo capacity.

(c) Low commodity rates have been introduced for the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables to Europe and to the U. K. and customers are being given suitable advice in regard to packaging problems etc.

Customs Clearance of Fruits and Vegetables

5792. SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the arrangements made by Government for Customs Clearance of fresh fruits and vegetables on Sundays and holidays ; and

(b) whether there has been any arrangement to give to such goods the facility of clearance at the airport rather than at the customs' buildings which are quite far from the Airport ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) Customs staff are posted on duty on Sundays and holidays also to allow clearance of fresh fruits and vegetables.

(b) Arrangements exist for clearance of such goods at the major airports.

Grant sanctioned to High and Higher Secondary Schools in Rural Areas of West Bengal Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

5793. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of grant sanctioned to High and Higher Secondary Schools in rural areas of West Bengal under Centrally sponsored scheme during 1968-69, 1969-70 and 1970-71 ; and

(b) the number of applications that are pending ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) :

(a) A statement giving the requisite information in respect of West Bengal as a whole, is attached.

(b) None.

Statement

Grant sanctioned to High/Higher Secondary Schools of West Bengal under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the years 1968-69, 1969-70 and 1970-71.

| Sl.No. | Scheme | Year of Sanction | School to which grant was sanctioned | Amount of grant (Rs.) |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Improvement of Secondary Education—Strengthening of Science Laboratories of Secondary Schools. | 1968-69 | The Grant was sanctioned to the Government of West Bengal and not to individual High/Higher Secondary Schools, as such. | 10,19,000 |
| 2. | Assistance to Voluntary Educational Organisations in the field of school education. | 1968-69 | Ramakrishna Ashram, P. O. Nimpith Ashram, 24 Parganas. | 5,000 |
| | do | do | Sri Sharda Ashram New Alipore, Calcutta. | 20,000 |