

introduce a shuttle Air Service on the Calcutta-Silchar Sector from April next; and

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to bring Agartala also on the route of the service ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Indian Airlines have plans to introduce an additional flight on the Calcutta-Agartala-Silchar route five times a week, from the middle of April, 1972 if two more HS-748 aircraft on order are received in time.

Decision on location of Second Fertilizer Factory

628. DR. KARNI SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a second fertiliser factory is proposed to be set up soon;

(b) whether the Commission appointed by Government under the Chairmanship of Shri B. S. Mukerjee had recommended Bikaner Division to be the most suitable place for the location of the proposed factory in view of the availability of gypsum and water in required quantities and also the cheap labour; and

(c) if so, the decision of Government regarding its location ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) :

(a) Two fertilizer units are already located in Rajasthan—one at Kota and the other at Udaipur. A third project is also under implementation at Khetri. Further, the question of setting up a fertilizer complex in Rajasthan based on the locally available rock phosphates and pyrites is also under consideration of Govt.

(b) and (c). The Mukherjee Committee which was set up in 1954, did not make any final recommendation in regard to location of a fertilizer factory in Rajasthan.

Expansion of Truck Production by TELCO

629. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN : Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission recently considered an application from TELCO for expansion of its Truck production capacity; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : (a) The application from TELCO was referred to the Commission for enquiry and the Commission has submitted its report.

(b) The matter is being processed further.

Construction work in Karipur for Calicut Airport

630. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether construction work for Calicut Airport has begun on the land acquired in Karipur (Kerala);

(b) if so, at what stage it is at present; and

(c) when it is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c). The fencing work has almost been completed. Estimates have been prepared for levelling and construction and are under examination. Efforts will be made to finish as much of the work as possible within this Plan period, but it is anticipated that it will spill over into the next Plan.