

(b) and (c). No repairs to these buildings have been carried out in the last three years.

मानसरोवर और कैलाश की यात्रा

2221. श्री नागेश्वर द्विवेदी : क्या विदेश मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने मानसरोवर तथा कैलाश के तीर्थ यात्रियों की निरापद यात्रा के लिए कोई कार्यवाही की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका क्या परिणाम निकला; और

(ग) कैलाश तथा मानसरोवर की यात्रा कब से बंद है ?

विदेश मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री बिपिनपाल दास) : (क) में (ग). भारत और चीन के बीच 1954 के समझौते के अनुसार भारत के तीर्थयात्रियों को प्रमाणन के दस्तावेज नहीं ले जाने पड़ते थे लेकिन सीमाना चौकियों पर उन्हें चीनी प्राधिकारियों से तीर्थयात्रा के लिए पत्रमिट लेना होता था। 1962 में यह समझौता समाप्त हो जाने के साथ अब इस तरह का कोई प्रबन्ध नहीं है। इसलिए सरकार द्वारा सुरक्षित यात्रा के लिए किसी प्रकार का कदम उठाये जाने का कोई प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Satellite communication facilities for Island and remote areas

2222. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for providing communication facilities through a satellite to Island communities and remote areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) and (b). Communication with island communities and remote areas is at present mainly over High Frequency radio circuits whose performance quality is generally not very satisfactory. The question of providing reliable communication facilities through the use of the Indian Ocean Intelsat satellite is under examination of the Government. A few small capacity earth stations will have to be set up for this purpose.

Provision of these communication facilities over an Indian owned and operated domestic communication satellite system in the long run is also under consideration.

Ship-building Yard

2223. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many committees were formed to survey and make project reports, for techno-economic survey for ship-building yard in India;

(b) the names of those committee members and the date of formation of those committees;

(c) number of reports submitted by those committees and recommendations thereof; and

(d) whether India is self-sufficient in the know-how of techno-economic survey without foreign consultancy for ship-building yard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI):

(a) and (b). Government did not set up any Committee for techno-economic survey for shipbuilding yard in India. However, two Working Groups of officials had been set up. The Haldia Working Group set up in July 1971 examined the suitability of Haldia as a location. The Techno-economic Working Group set up in May 1973 examined