

the Director General of Civil Aviation has also instructed the flying clubs to give priority to trainees for the issue of Private Pilot's Licence, renewal and endorsement of Private Pilot's and Commercial Pilot's licences, and to those receiving training under any special scheme approved by Government.

(b) to (c). Hobby fliers, who have obtained Private Pilot's Licence, are also eligible to fly at subsidised rates, if the flying clubs have spare capacity after meeting the requirements of the trainees falling in the categories of those mentioned against (a) above.

(d) A trainee can receive 100 hours of subsidised flying in the first period of twelve months from the commencement of his flying training, and fifty hours in each such subsequent period. There is a proviso that in the fourth period of twelve months a trainee would be eligible to receive additional flying training at subsidised rates, subject to a maximum of fifty hours, to compensate for the number of hours lapsed in the earlier years.

#### Dry Docks

7406. Shri V. Narasimha Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dry docks and places where they are situated in India;

(b) whether the Hindustan Shipyard at Visakhapatnam has facilities for carrying repairs to our merchant ships;

(c) the foreign exchange expenditure incurred by Indian ships for repairs done at dry docks abroad during the last three years; and

(d) the reasons therefor when the facilities are available in India?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) There are 26 dry docks at various

ports in India which are located as follows:

Bombay	6
Calcutta	12
Visakhapatnam	1
Kakinada	1
Cuddalore	1
Cochin	1
Mangalore	1
Bhavnagar	1
Veraval	1
Bedi Bunder	1
Kandla	1

(b) The Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam does not have adequate facilities for carrying out repairs to our merchant ships. The Government have recently sanctioned the construction of a larger dry dock as an adjunct to the Hindustan Shipyard. This will enable the Shipyard to carry out heavy and light repairs to merchant ships.

(c) The expenditure incurred was as follows:—

1964-65	Rs. 1,81,59,717
1965-66	Rs. 24,92,314
1966-67	Rs. 2,12,59,954

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

#### National Botanical Gardens, Lucknow

7407. Shri R. R. Singh Deo: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Research is being carried on by the Scientists at the National Botanical Gardens, Lucknow to produce cattle feed from waste water (Sewage);

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for this research project;

(c) whether the amount will be borne by U.S. Government or Gov-