

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** According to the American law 50 per cent of the American shipment is carried by their ships. The rest is left to the choice of the importing or exporting country. It depends upon what traffic our ships are able to carry or attract.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the ship that is being constructed will also carry passengers?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** No, Sir. They are essentially cargo ships.

**Shri Vishram Prasad:** What will be the weight of each vessel and how much tonnage they will carry in each ship from here to America?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The first one will be 9,000 GRT approximately. I am sorry, the total number of ships to be put into this line is six, and not seven as I stated earlier, out of which five are yet to be built.

**Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:** May I know whether any foreign personnel will be engaged in the cargo service ships?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** If we do not have the required number of Indian officers available, we shall have to allow foreigners also to be employed.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** I want to know whether it is a fact that private ship-owners have represented to the Government that after the Third Plan allocations are completed no further funds should be invested in the Shipping Corporation of India and, if so, what is the reaction of the Government?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I have not heard about this. It is absolutely unfounded.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** May I know what is the quantity that is carried by ships other than American owned vessels between the United States and India?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** At present, we have got only a few ships of Sciendias and India Steamship Company which ply between India and USA and out of a totality of the cargo between the

two countries, an overwhelming majority is being lifted by the American ships.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** By the time these ships are put into service, may I know out of the proportion of the 50 per cent of the tonnage, what amount we will be able to carry by our ships?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** It would be difficult to give an absolute answer. That would depend upon the quantum of trade—for example, suppose all the foodgrain that has got to be imported from America is already imported before the ships are delivered. It would depend on how the trade develops.

#### Accident to Hyderabad Flying Club Aircraft

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\*473. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether an aircraft of Hyderabad Flying Club plunged into Ibrahimpatnam Lake on the 10th February, 1963; and

(b) if so, the cause of accident?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) and (b). Pushpak aircraft VT-DLS, belonging to Hindustan Aircraft Limited, Bangalore, and operated by Andhra Pradesh Flying Club crashed in Ibrahimpatnam Lake on the 10th February, 1963. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह:** हैदराबाद के इस क्लब में करीब चौबीस घंटे में दो एक्सिडेंट्स हुए। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसका क्या कारण है कि वहाँ पर बहुत ज्यादा एक्सिडेंट्स हो रहे हैं।

**श्री मुहीउद्दीन :** चौबीस घंटे में दूसरा एक्सिडेंट होने के बारे में मुझे इल्म नहीं है।

अगर आनरेबल मेम्बर मुझे उसकी तफ़सील दें, तो मैं उसके बारे में पता लगा सकता हूँ।

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** बाद में उसी दिन दूसरा एक्सिडेंट हुआ था। यह बात पेपर में आई है कि चौबीस घंटे में दो एक्सिडेंट हुए।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** चूँकि मिनिस्टर साहब को इस बारे में इल्म नहीं है, इसलिए माननीय सदस्य उनको उस खबर की नकल भेज दें।

**Shri Joachim Alva:** As the accidents in the flying clubs are quite frequent, I want to know what is the action that the Government of India has taken in the matter of appointment of these instructors and having the right type of instructors?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** I do not agree that the accidents are more than what are expected of the flying clubs. But still we are taking steps. The Government have taken steps to train the instructors. We are also trying to appoint inspectors for training purposes; and the rules about training are fully implemented and carried out.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** I want to know whether the aircraft was properly checked before flying. May I know what is the procedure of enforcing checks in respect of the flying clubs aircraft?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** The usual rules about checking the aircraft before it is taken off are followed and as far as I am aware, in this case also the inspection was carried out.

**श्री कृष्णबाय :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस दुर्घटना में जान और माल की कितनी हानि हुई ?

**श्री मुहोउद्दीन :** एक पायलट मर गया। वह हवाई जहाज पानी में डूब गया था और अब उसको निकाल लिया गया है। लेकिन मैं इस वक़्त यह नहीं कह सकता कि आया वह हवाई जहाज रिपेयर हो सकता है या नहीं। मुमकिन है कि वह रिपेयर हो जाये।

### Jaipur Bikaner National Highway

\*474. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 718 on the 9th March, 1961 and state:

(a) whether alignment of the National Highway between Jaipur and Bikaner has since been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The alignment of the National Highway between Jaipur and Bikaner will follow the route Jaipur-Sikar-Lachmangarh - Fatehpur - Tidalsar-Ratangarh-Rajaldesar - Dungargarh-Seruna-Gossainsar-Raisar-Bikaner.

**Shri Karni Singhji:** May I know, by the time this highway will be opened to traffic, whether the specifications permit that in the event of an emergency, heavy armour can be moved from Delhi to these border regions of Pakistan?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** At present we are going to develop this highway as a single line 12 ft. wide road and so far as the strength of this bridge is concerned, I cannot exactly say whether it will be according to the highest standards. But care will be taken to see that it serves the purpose that is called upon to serve.

**Shri Karni Singhji:** In view of the fact that this is the only connection between Delhi and about 200 miles of border with Pakistan, would it be possible for the Government to consider making the specifications from now to see that heavy armour can move on it?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That is a suggestion for action which will be very well borne in mind.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I know what provision has been made