

**Supersonic Aircraft Service**

978. { Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee:  
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air India are considering the operation of a supersonic aircraft service in the North Atlantic Sector; and

(b) if so, whether the service will be operated in partnership with the British Overseas Airways Corporation and Australian Qantas Airline?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) No Sir, not for the present.

(b) Does not arise.

**National Highways**

979. { Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:  
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

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

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government have proposed the construction of four National Highways which will pass through the State;

(b) if so, what are the roads proposed; and

(c) whether the Central Government have since considered the proposal and if so, the decision taken thereon?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). No proposal with specific reference to any four particular roads for developing them as National Highways has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh. Some time back, however, they requested for the declaration of the following roads as National Highways:

(1) Allahabad-Rajpur road via Rewa, Shahdol, Amarkantak, Keonchi, Bilaspur and Simga; and

(2) Jabalpur-Raipur road via Mandla, Bichhia, Motinala, Pondi, Kawardha, Bemetara and Simga.

It has not been possible to accept these proposals as there is no provision in the Third Five-Year Plan for the expansion of the existing National Highway System.

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६८०. श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय मालवाही जहाज (जल विष्णु) २७ अप्रैल, १९६३ को कृष्ण सागर के तुर्क बन्दरगाह में फंस जाने के कारण नहीं आ सका ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसमें कितने कर्मचारी और कितना माल था ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में नौ-वहन मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) जी, हाँ। वोस्फोरस के उत्तरी जल मार्ग (नादरन इंटेस) को पार करते हुए यह जहाज जमीन से टकरा गया।

(ख) इस जहाज में कप्तान सहित ५७ कर्मिक और ५६०० टन सामान्य माल था।

**कोसी पर पुल**

६८१. श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में कुरसेला स्थान पर कोसी नदी पर पुल बनाया जा रहा है ;