

### Lighthouse at Badagara

1737. **Shri A. V. Raghavan:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made for constructing a modern lighthouse with signal cabin and a Pier at Badagara in Kerala; and

(b) when the work will be completed?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). The executive responsibility for the development of ports other than major ports vests in the State Government. The design and plan of the Lighthouse are being finalised by the Government of Kerala in consultation with the Director General of Lighthouses and Lightships. The design for the pier has been finalised and the detailed estimates are under preparation by the State Government. Both these schemes are likely to be completed during the period of the Third Five Year Plan.

### Night air mail from Dum Dum to Nagpur

1738. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the night air mail flying from Dum Dum to Nagpur on the night of 19/20th November, 1963 had to be diverted to Bombay and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether proper facilities were afforded to stranded passengers;

(c) whether all Delhi bound passengers were duly informed and sent by the next available morning flight; and

(d) whether there is no instruction to provide accommodation to stranded passengers?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) The Skymaster aircraft VT-DIB while on its Calcutta-Nagpur Night Air Mail flight on 19.11.1963 develop-

ed a snag on its hydraulic system and as a result the Commander decided to land at Bombay which had a much longer runway than at Nagpur.

(b) Every available facility was provided to the stranded passengers at Nagpur. They were provided with accommodation at local hotels, meals and transport, at the expense of the Corporation.

(c) Delhi bound passengers ex-Nagpur, Madras and Bombay, travelled by the scheduled Viscount flight IC-420 of 19/20.11.1963 which suffered a slight delay occasioned by the diversion of the flight from Calcutta. The above flight from Nagpur left for Delhi at 0350 hours without the Delhi bound passengers from Calcutta who were flown direct to Bombay and were provided connection to Delhi from there.

(d) Standing instructions exist for looking after the stranded passengers including provision of transport and hotel accommodation.

### Bridge on Sindh

1739. **Shrimati Vijaya Raje Scindia:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the proposal to construct a bridge on Sindh river on Gwalior-Jhansi road stands; and

(b) the progress made so far in this regard?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). The Sindh bridge on Gwalior-Jhansi Road was approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 21,84,800 in April 1959, for being financed from the Central Road Fund. The construction was started on 15th March, 1962 and the foundations are nearing completion. Superstructure on one out of 11 spans has been completed. The overall progress is about 40 per cent. Expenditure upto the end of November 1963 is Rs. 9.28 lakhs. The work is likely to be completed by the end of December 1964.