

पश्चात् कितने आकार के जहाज कलकत्ता से गंगा नदी में जा सकेंगे तथा वे कितनी दूरी तक जा सकेंगे ?

परिवहन तथा नौवहन मंत्री (डा० बी० के० आर० बी० राव) : फरक्का बांध और सहायक कार्यों के पूर्ण हो जाने के बाद 8 फीट से 9 फीट के डुबाव के अन्तर्द्वेषी पोत कलकत्ता से लगभग 245 मील की दूरी तक गंगा में वर्ष भर प्रवेश कर सकेंगे ।

HOTELS FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS

4844. SHRI MAHARAJ SINGH BHARATI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hotels and the number of rooms therein for accommodating foreign tourists and the average number of foreign tourists accommodated daily in the said hotels during the last three years; and

(b) whether the Indian tourists also stay in the said hotels in the absence of foreign tourists, if so, their daily average during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):

(a) and (b). There are 221 hotels in the country with a bed capacity of 16,426 which have been approved as qualifying for the one star international rating and above. The accommodation offered by these hotels is available to foreigners as well as to Indians. The comparative figures regarding the occupancy of these hotels by foreign and Indian tourists is not available as the hotels are not required to furnish such information.

अखिल भारतीय भाषा सम्मेलन

4845. श्री बाल्मीकि चौधरी : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्र भाषा के संबंध में एक सूत्र तैयार करने के लिये मार्च 1968 में कानपुर में होने वाले अखिल भारतीय भाषा सम्मेलन में सरकार को भाग लेने के लिये आमन्त्रित किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री विद्या चरण शुक्ल) : (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान् ।
(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

राज्यों के साथ पत्र-व्यवहार में हिन्दी का प्रयोग

4846. श्री बाल्मीकि चौधरी : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने कोई ऐसा पत्र अथवा परिपत्र जारी किया है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार को जो भी पत्र हिन्दी में प्राप्त हों, उनका उत्तर हिन्दी में ही दिया जाना चाहिये; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री विद्या चरण शुक्ल) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

TALKS ON MIZO PROBLEM

4847. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three-member team of the Government of India officials discussed Mizo problem with Assam officials; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Three officials of Ministries of Defence, External Affairs and Home Affairs went on a tour of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur to obtain a first hand knowledge of problems which these Ministries have to deal with. The visit was useful from that point of view.

PARADEEP PORT

4848. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that silting in the Paradeep Port remains unchecked for want of dredgers; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO): (a) and (b). The littoral drift on the east coast which was obstructed by the construction of the breakwaters at Paradip Port has resulted in the silting up of the entrance channel and the lagoon. To meet the immediate needs of dredging at these places, *ad hoc* arrangements were made to remove the silt by contract dredging and also by borrowing a dredger from the Calcutta Port Commissioners twice. Meanwhile, the Port's own dredger was received in January 1968 and has been put to work. In addition, one of the dredgers belonging to the Central Government's Minor Ports Dredging and Survey Organisation has also been deployed for work at Paradip. Thus there are two dredgers at present tackling the problem of siltation at Paradip Port.

DISCUSSION OF SHIPPING PROBLEMS IN UNCTAD

4849. SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problems of development of shipping industry in the developing countries were discussed in the UNCTAD; and

(b) what help the developed countries promised to give to the developing countries for promotion and development of shipping ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO) (a) and (b). The problems of development of shipping industry in the developing countries have been discussed by the Fourth Committee of UNCTAD which has also approved a number of resolutions on the subject. However, the final position as to what help the developed countries would be asked to give to the developing countries for promotion and development of shipping would be known only after the recommendations of the Fourth Committee have been considered at the plenary session of the UNCTAD which is still in progress.

REGIONAL ENGINEERING COLLEGE, ROURKELA

4850. SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa have approached the Central Government for M 21 LSS (C P)/68—5

upgrading the Regional Engineering College at Rourkela into an Indian Institute of Technology; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter will be decided according to the provisions in the revised Fourth Five Year Plan.

इण्डियन एयरलाइन्स कार्पोरेशन की उड़ानें

4851. श्री मोहन स्वरूप : क्या पर्यटन तथा असेनिक उड्डयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1967-68 में इण्डियन एयरलाइन्स कार्पोरेशन के विमानों की उड़ानें देर से हुई थीं और समय का पालन नहीं किया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) कितने प्रतिशत उड़ानों में समय का पालन किया गया था ?

पर्यटन तथा असेनिक उड्डयन मंत्री (डा० कर्ण सिंह) : (क) और (ख). अप्रैल से दिसम्बर 1967 तक की अवधि के दौरान कुल हुई 30,278 उड़ानों के मुकाबले 4618 उड़ानों की रवानगी में 30 मिनट से अधिक का विलम्ब हुआ जिसके कि निम्नलिखित कारण थे:—

1. खराब मौसम	750
2. इन्जीनियरी	934
3. कर्मिंदल	6
4. परिचलन सम्बन्धी	90
5. विमान यातायात नियंत्रण	56
6. यातायात	178
7. सीमा शुल्क, आप्रवास तथा स्वास्थ्य	7
8. जोड़ने वाली सेवायें (परिणामी)	1,979