

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the comments in the *Times of India* of the 24th June which stated that under the mid-day meals scheme in schools food supplied is often cooked under unhygienic conditions;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any investigations into the matter;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to put an end to this malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Ministry of Education has not conducted any such investigation.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) This primarily concerns the State Governments.

Paradeep Port

2469. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has been drawn up for further development of Paradeep Port;

(b) if so, the programme and details of the estimate; and

(c) the allotment of funds for this port for 1968-69?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) The schemes for the further development of Paradeep Port are being formulated as part of the Fourth Plan programme in consultation with the Ministries concerned and the Planning Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rs. 200 lakhs.

Power Break down at Palam Airport

2470. SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a power break-down on the 10th July, 1968, at Palam Airport for three hours;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that air traffic suffered a great set back and the passengers had to face a great difficulty; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to avoid such power break-downs in future to avoid inconvenience to passengers?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There was a power break-down at Palam Airport on 10-7-1968 intermittently for a total period of one hour thirty four minutes. But each time the standby generator of the Civil Aviation Department went into action within a few seconds and provided electric power. Due to some defect in the wiring the lights in International Booking Hall were dim and flickering. This defect was set right after the departure of the services.

(b) There was no set back to air traffic and all services operated on schedule. However, due to the defect mentioned in (a) above, the passengers in the International Booking Hall were put to some inconvenience.

(c) Standby arrangements are available at Palam airport to provide electricity for operational requirements in case of break-down of outside power supply. The standby arrangements go into action as soon as the normal supply breaks down.

Development of Tourism in U. P.

2471. SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: