

**Mangalore Harbour Project**

**547. Shri Murli Manohar:**  
**Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made to improve the Mangalore Harbour;

(b) when the project is likely to be completed;

(c) the total outlay on the project; and

(d) whether the capital outlay is likely to be higher than the original plan?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) to (d). Preliminary works, viz. acquisition of land, dredging of a small stretch of the approach channel, construction of staff quarters and office buildings, construction of roads, supply of water and electricity, hydrographic surveys and model tests, purchase of launches, purchases of essential construction, workshop and scientific equipment, etc., costing in all about Rs. 4.5 crores have been sanctioned so far. Separately, work on the rail link to the new harbour site is also in progress. An area of 1,000 acres of land has already been acquired and handed over to the Project Authorities. Land acquisition proceedings in respect of the remaining area are in progress. Several of the preliminary works have been completed.

A detailed project report for the Mangalore Harbour Project has since been prepared and is under examination. The revised estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 26.96 crores.

The Mangalore Harbour Project is expected to be completed by 1969.

**Landing of Air India Boeing at Sydney**

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**Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Air India Boeing-707 on Bombay—Sydney flight on the 18th January, 1966 burst some of its tyres while landing at Sydney Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the loss of life, if any?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The aircraft made a normal touch down, but whilst halfway through the landing roll, the airfield was hit by a severe storm resulting in the wind-velocity increasing from 10 knots to 30 knots. Due to the gusty wind conditions the aircraft swung to the left. To prevent the aircraft from going off the runway the Commander applied the right wheel brakes. Finding this action insufficient to keep the aircraft on the runway, the Commander switched off the antiskid system to obtain full braking effect on the right main wheels. The sudden and excessive application of brakes resulted in the bursting of four right side and two left side main wheel tyres.

(c) There was no loss of life and no one was injured.

**Report of Mirdha Committee**

**549. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:** Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation** be pleased to state the reaction of Government on the recommendation of the Mirdha Committee in general and about making the audit independent of Registrar, Cooperative Societies in particular?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** The broad