

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The exact position regarding implementation of the Third Plan schemes in the Central Sector will be known only after the 31st of March 1966. As such it is too early to state what further progress has been made since replying to the Unstarred Question No. 1125 on the 23rd November, 1965.

(b) The foreign exchange earned during each year of the Third Plan is given below:

1961	Rs. 20.41 crores
1962	Rs. 19.62 "
1963	Rs. 20.56 "
1964	Rs. 23.00 "
1965	Yet to be determined.

(c) A provisional outlay of Rs. 25 crores has been agreed to by the Planning Commission. However, as funds are being allocated only for 1966-67, the amount allotted is Rs. 78 lakhs.

Ennore as Intermediate Port

582. Shri Umanath: Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madras Government have suggested to the Union Government to sponsor a scheme to develop Ennore as an intermediate port;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) its utility;

(d) whether the Centre have approved the suggestion; and

(e) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

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

(b) Ennore is situated about eight miles north of Madras. The backwater at this place is connected to the sea by a small opening which is silted up for nine months in the year. The proposal is to keep this opening

navigable by artificial methods and to provide an all-the-year lighterage port.

(c) The State Government are of the view that the port can handle an annual traffic, mainly in fertiliser raw materials, coal, salt and ore of nearly four million tons by 1975-76.

(d) and (e). The proposal is under consideration along with other proposals for the Fourth Five Year Plan for Intermediate and Minor Ports.

Accident to Helicopter in Ferozepur District

583. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 654 on the 16th November, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the causes of the accident to a helicopter which was spraying insecticides over cotton fields in Kheowale village in Ferozepur district (Punjab) have since been investigated; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

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

(b) The accident occurred as a result of the main rotor getting trapped in unmarked telephone wire, which the pilot could not observe, during spraying operations conducted near ground level.

Madras Harbour Explosion

584. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 655 on the 16th November, 1965 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report of enquiry made by the authorities concerned about the Madras Harbour Explosion which took place on the 3rd June, 1965;