

at Calcutta on 18th June, 1969. The Vessel is now undergoing permanent repairs namely renewal of steam and bow plating. The estimated cost of repairs is Rs. 1,00,000/-. There was no loss of life.

**Payment by Punjab Government to Unemployed Engineers**

1789. DR. SUSHILA NAYAR:  
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN:  
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:  
SHRI J. SUNDER LAL:  
SHRI P. M. SAYEED:  
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK:  
SHRI RAM SWARUP VIDYARATHI:  
SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI:  
SHRI M. S. OBEROI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Punjab has decided to pay to unemployed Engineers in the State Rs. 250 per month;

(b) whether any other State Government has taken such a decision; and

(c) whether Government of India propose to pay a certain amount to all the unemployed engineers and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAY): (a) No, Sir. The Government of Punjab are however considering a scheme for subsidising the employment of qualified engineering personnel by local industry.

(b) According to information available with the Central Government no State Government has taken such a decision.

(c) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government of India.

**Meeting of the National Shipping Board**

1790. DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :  
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :  
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD  
MANDAL :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the National Shipping Board was held during the month of April, 1969;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that during the meeting the Board suggested setting up of a high-powered Maritime Commission to inquire into the working conditions of the shipping industry; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The matter is under examination by Government.

**Use of Foreign Money in Bye-Elections to Lok Sabha**

1791. DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are some reports that foreign money and hands were involved in the recent bye-elections to Lok Sabha i. e. Banaskantha and Midnapur;

(b) if so, whether Government will hold an inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Government have no such information.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Regional Languages in UPSC Examination**

1792. SHRI G.C. NAIK :  
SHRI D. AMAT :  
SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA:  
SHRI J.K. CHOUDHURY:  
SHRI DHIRESHWAR KALITA:  
SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF:  
SHRI J.M. BISWAS:  
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:  
SHRI C. JANARDHANAN:  
SHRI BHOGENDR A JHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Public Service Commission has taken any decision regarding the introduction of regional languages as media for UPSC Examinations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). So far, it has been decided to give an option to the candidates appearing at the combined competitive Examination for recruitment to the IAS etc. to be held this year to write their answers in two of the compulsory subjects viz. Essay and General Knowledge, in any one of the languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution, besides English.

Flight Kitchen by Air India at Santa Cruz, Bombay

1793. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:  
SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO:  
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN:  
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR:  
SHRI B.K. DASCHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has decided to set up its own flight kitchen at Santa Cruz, Bombay to enable it to enforce quality control and last minute uplift of additional meals;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the financial implications involved therein ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme envisages the setting up of an upto-date, self-sufficient flight kitchen which would be able to cater to Air-India's present and future requirements as well as the requirements of Indian Airlines. It might

also be possible to meet the requirements of some foreign carriers operating through Bombay.

(c) The flight kitchen and its ancillary services will be housed in certain existing buildings at Santa Cruz. The estimated additional expenditure on the scheme is Rs.31.50 lakh. The flight kitchen is expected to be an economically viable unit.

हड़ताल करने वाले केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों को फिर से नौकरी पर रखना

1794. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :  
श्री स० मो० बनर्जी :  
श्री देवकीनन्दन पाटोदिया :  
श्री क० मि० मधुकर :  
श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :  
श्री रणजीत सिंह :  
श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :  
श्री सूरज भान :  
श्री राम गोपाल शालवाले :  
श्री बृज भूषण लाल :  
श्री श्रद्धाकर सुपकार :  
श्री ज्योतिर्मय बसु :  
श्री वि० नरसिम्हा राव :  
श्री वासुदेवन नायर :  
श्री नाथूराम अहिरवार :  
श्री दी० चं० शर्मा :

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सितम्बर, 1968 की हड़ताल में भाग लेने वाले सरकारी कर्मचारियों के प्रति उदार व्यवहार बरतने की उद्घोषणा के बावजूद अभी बहुत से कर्मचारी सेवा से बर्खास्त और निलम्बित हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ग) उन्हें उनके मूल पदों पर वापस न लेने के क्या कारण हैं; और