

Corporation of India have examined the feasibility of resuming the Bombay/Mangalore shipping service. It was, however, found that the service is not economical due to dwindling traffic, limited availability of cargo and competition from road traffic. It has been estimated that the service will result in an annual loss of Rs. 14.46 lakhs. The Corporation have, however, been asked to examine the matter further in consultation with certain M.Ps. from Maharashtra who have shown interest in the matter.

(d) and (e). The question was considered but it was not found to be an economic proposition as the traffic potential is very little.

SAMPLE SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC OPINION ON TOURISM IN INDIA

9046. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to a sample survey carried out by the Indian Institute of Public Opinion on behalf of the Department of Tourism;

(b) whether Government have since received its report; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3945/70]

SANSKRIT SCHOLARS IN INDIA AND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

9047. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more Sanskrit scholars, writers and fluent speakers in Sanskrit, in foreign countries than in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the total number of fluent speakers in Sanskrit, authors of Sanskrit books,

and Sanskrit scholars in general in India *vis-a-vis* foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN): (a) to (c). Obviously, the largest concentration of Sanskrit scholars, writers and fluent speakers in Sanskrit is in India. The Ministry of Education and Youth Services have, however, no information about the comparative statistics of Sanskrit scholars, writers and, fluent speakers in Sanskrit in India and abroad.

FINANCIAL AID TO HINDI WRITER PHANESHWAR NATH RENU

9048. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindi writer Phaneshwar Nath Renu, who has been recently given Padmashri, is suffering from serious illness at Patna;

(b) whether the Central Government are giving any financial help for him medical treatment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRIMATI JAHANARA JAIPAL SINGH): (a) : Government have no information. Shri Phaneshwar Nath Renu, however, attended the investiture ceremony held on 21-4-1970 to receive Padmashri Award.

(b) and (c). No request for financial assistance has been received from Shri Phaneshwar Nath Renu.

HISTORICAL FINDS IN INDIA

9049. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some ancient historical finds have been found in various parts in India within the last six months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise ?