

also there. Apart from this, construction of another shed measuring 52½/35 feet for another platform at a total cost of Rs. 1,36,000 has been approved

SHRI BANGA RAM : I want to know how much time will be taken in the construction of this shed of a new platform ?

SHRI BANSI LAL : As soon as possible.

[*English*]

Missing Indian Ships

*252. **SHRI V. S. KRISHNA
IYER :**
**SHRI KASI PRASAD
PANDEY :**

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

(a) the number of crew on board the two missing Indian ships namely M.V. Nitya Nanak and M. V. Nitya Ram and the nature and value of cargo that these ships were carrying ;

(b) the details thereof ; and

(c) the loss to the companies due to sinking/missing of these two ships and the compensation likely to be provided to the owners ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : Sir, before I read out the reply I beg your permission for a very minor correction. In parts (a) and (b) of the reply after the words 'salt' and 'coal' the word 'reportedly' should be added. Secondly, the value of salt which has been given as Rs. 7,46,200 should be read as Rs. 23,21,067. Now, I will read out the reply.

(a) and (b) : There were 23 crew members on board M.V. 'Nitya Nanak'

and 21 crew members on board M.V. 'Nitya Ram'. 'Nitya Nanak' was carrying 5440 tons of salt reportedly valued at Rs. 23,21,067 and M.V. 'Nitya Ram' 5182 tons of coal reportedly valued as Rs. 30,00,000.

(c) Compensation payable if loss is attributable to marine perils will be Rs. 1.30 crores for 'Nitya Ram' and Rs. 0.85 crores for 'Nitya Nanak'. The owners have made a claim for payment which is under scrutiny by the Insurance Company.

MR. SPEAKER : Although the Questions Hour is over, yet I would like to allow Half-an.Hour discussion on this Question.

SHRI SANTARAM NAIK : There is a total fraud with respect to the two ships which are missing in the high seas.

MR. SPEAKER : The Question Hour is over. I cannot help you.

SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Sir, a Calling Attention motion has been allowed in Rajya Sabha.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : All right,—

[*English*]

—We will take it up under Calling Attention.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*Translation*]

**Difficulties of Daily Passengers
Travelling in Shuttle Trains
between Nasirabad-Ajmer
and Beawar-Ajmer**

*243. **SHRI VISHNU MODI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state ;