

mation. I can only give the type of equipment that is generally required but not the details. I am prepared to give him the details any time he wants.

SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU : Do Government hope to achieve complete indigenisation ?

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA : Yes, Sir; that is our aim. In fact, I have asked the Railway Board to appoint a special team for the purpose of ultimately eliminating all these import contents. But there are some which, in the very nature of things, we cannot manufacture. There may be some marginal items which we may have to import, but I agree with the hon. Member; we are pursuing that policy.

**Overbridge near Safdarjung Aerodrome
New Delhi**

*9. **SHRI AMAR NATH CHAWLA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1376 on the 23rd November, 1971 and state :

(a) whether it has been decided to construct an overbridge on the Railway crossing near Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi;

(b) the target date fixed for its completion; and

(c) whether the estimates sanctioned earlier for its construction have been revised and if so, the revised estimates ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(**SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA :**) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 30.6.1973 for the bridge proper *i.e.* excluding approaches, to be constructed by the Railway.

(c) The estimate sanctioned earlier is under revision.

श्री अमरनाथ चवला: मिनिस्टर महोदय ने बताया कि ता. 30-6-1972 तक यह

ओवर-ब्रिज तैयार हो जायगा और इस की एप्रोचज़ रेलवे बनायगी। क्या मैं तसब्बूर करूँ कि यह ब्रिज कोई ठेकेदार बना रहा है और क्या यह सही है कि इस का पहला एस्टीमेट 11 लाख 67 हजार रुपये का था और इस वक्त बिना एस्टीमेट तैयार किये, वह ठेकेदार ब्रिज तैयार कर रहा है? इस का एस्टीमेट कब तक तैयार हो जाने की उम्मीद है?

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA: The estimate is now likely to be Rs. 17,2 lakhs; that is for better amenities on the bridge also. A little more is going to be added to it.

श्री अमरनाथ चवला: क्या मिनिस्टर महोदय बतायेंगे कि ब्रिज तैयार होने के बाद ये एप्रोचिज़ कब तक तैयार हो जायेंगी?

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA : For approaches the hon. Member has to approach the New Delhi Municipal authorities. I am concerned only with construction of the bridge.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI : It had probably been decided that the Safdarjung Airport would be given up for flying purposes. Now since the bridge is being constructed, may I know whether the Flying Club is going to operate there and the Airport is going to be continued ?

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA : The hon. Member might know that the concerned authorities have come to some compromise and the railway bridge and the lighting will be so arranged as not to affect the operations of the Aerodrome. Therefore, the Flying Club will be there.

**Finalisation of Sundarbans Delta Project
Scheme**

*10. **SHRI MADHURYYA HALDAR:** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sundarbans Delta Project Scheme has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof and when it will be taken up.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b) . The Sundarbans Delta project is a complex project of large magnitude. So far only preliminary investigations have been carried out by the Government of West Bengal. They have been advised to carry out detailed investigations and prepare a detailed project report, which is awaited.

SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR : The hon. Minister, while replying to my question, said that Rs. 18 crores had been sanctioned for preliminary works. What are those preliminary works if the project is not yet finalised ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : Previously, only preliminary investigations were done. We have sent back the preliminary report asking them to send us a detailed project report. The first report was about the feasibility of undertaking the project, but a detailed project is required and that we are awaiting from the West Bengal Government.

SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR : Drainage in the Sundarbans is a very serious problem. What measures are the Government contemplating in this regard ?

DR. K. L. RAO : The aim of the project is freeing an area of 50,000 hectares from the floods and ravages of the river and also protection for 82 villages. This is Phase I. This is the western portion of the Sunderbans. Besides this, there are other portions of the Sunderbans which will be taken up in Phases H and III.

SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR : The Chief Engineer too opposed this scheme and has also written something contrary against it. Will the hon Minister please tell us if it is so ?

DR. K. L. RAO : There was an in-

vestigation done by the West Bengal Government engineers. I have seen their report. The project is quite feasible. Nobody objected to that. All that we wanted was a detailed project report giving complete estimates. As soon as we receive it, we will definitely try to take up the project. After completion of the First Phase, we will take up Phases II and III depending upon the success of the first phase of the project.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा ज्व्त की गयी व्यापारिक सामग्री

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श्री फूलचन्द वर्मा :

क्या विदेश व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत भारत-पाकिस्तान युद्ध के दौरान या उससे कुछ समय पूर्व कितने भारतीय जहाज तथा कितने मूल्य की व्यापारिक सामग्री पाकिस्तान द्वारा ज्व्त की गयी ;

(ख) इसी अवधि में भारत ने कितने पाकिस्तानी जहाज तथा कितने मूल्य की व्यापारिक सामग्री ज्व्त की; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L.N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) It is understood that Government of Pakistan have seized certain cargoes meant for India from 2 ships namely S.S. City of Colombo and S.S. Tsingchau. Advertisements have been issued in the newspapers asking the Indian nationals to register their claims with the Custodian of