

concerned, if they are made of aluminium, they will cost 15 million dollars and if they are made of steel or titanium, they will cost 80 million dollars.

**Shri Manibhai J. Patel:** I want to...

**Mr. Speaker:** Not more than one supplementary question. He has to come regularly to know at least the rules.

श्री मधु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इन कांफ्रेंसियों के लिए आप एक क्लास खोलिये ।

**Shri Swell:** Along with the Project of buying these new and revolutionary aircrafts, the Minister says that he has also a proposal before him to re-build some of our airports in this country to be able to receive the new aeroplanes. May I know from him whether he has set up a cell in his Ministry to go into this question of re-building of our airports and whether he has considered the proposal of sending some of our people, bright, young engineers, to foreign countries to learn about the new airports and the model of constructing them or does he want to follow the old practice of inviting some foreign firms to come and build these airports for us?

**Dr. Karan Singh:** The question of reconditioning airports, for Jumbo jets and SSTs, is a very important one. We have four international airports, as I have mentioned, and at all these four airports we are planning to put up new international blocks to deal with the traffic. I have set up a Committee in the Ministry headed by Chairman of Air India with two or three concerned officials to prepare a comprehensive report on the whole question of re-furbishing and renewing airports in view of this increased traffic. Once that report is before us, we will then consider whether it is possible for us to send some engineers abroad or whether we want to invite some foreign expertise.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** If one sees the history of civil aviation in this coun-

try, one will come to the conclusion that we are always at least two years behind the other progressive countries and that after they have discarded certain aircraft, we try to buy them.

**Dr. Karan Singh:** Air India is never behind...

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** He should not be impatient. He is very new to this job.

I want to know what guarantee the Minister can give to us that when he has bought Concorde, it has not been superseded by some other plane and when he has bought Jumbo jets, they have not been superseded by some other better and more progressive planes. What guarantee can he give us in this regard?

**Mr. Speaker:** How can anybody give any such guarantee for it?

**Dr. Karan Singh:** I hardly think a guarantee is necessary on my part.

**Shri Piloo Mody:** Will the hon. Minister please let us know why there has been such a delay in finalising the contracts for these planes? Is he expecting Russian or Chinese equivalent, so that he can escalate the cold war?

**Dr. Karan Singh:** The hon. Member no doubt is specially interested in Jumbo jets.

#### Ravine Reclamation Board

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- \*455 Shri Nathu Ram Ahirwar:  
Shri Hukam Chand  
Kachwai:  
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:  
Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhari:  
Shri Baburao Patel:  
Shri Y. S. Kushwah:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 179 on the 8th November, 1966 regarding the proposal to set up a Ravine Reclamation Board in consultation with the Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat

and state the further progress made in this regard?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri D. Ering):** A Central Ravine Reclamation Board has been set up by a Resolution dated the 16th February, 1967. Steps are being taken to convene the first meeting of the Board as early as possible.

**Shri Baburao Patel:** I have a basic objection. I do not know why my name has been grouped together under this question at all. I have nothing to do with ravines as I am not a dacoit. I have general grievance against your Secretariat. They mutilate the questions, they change the language, and they change even the thoughts with the result that I do not recognise the children of my own brain and they look like bastards to me when they come up on this Question List. You must look into this, a little more closely.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall look into that.

**Shri Baburao Patel:** I have nothing to do with ravines.

**Shri S. S. Kothari:** I think the Secretariat is doing an excellent job.

**श्री नाथू राम ग्रहिवार :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या जैसे बिहार में बिहार रिलीफ कमिटी, रामकृष्ण मिशन इन तमाम संस्थाओं द्वारा होटल चलाये जा रहे हैं ऐसे होटल शासकीय तौर पर भी चलाये जा रहे हैं ?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Annasahib Shinde):** That does not arise out of the main question. The main question relates to ravines.

**श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशवाह :** क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे

कि इस बोर्ड में कौन कौन से सदस्य हूँ और सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट की तरफ से भी कोई रेप्रेजेंटेटिव इस बोर्ड में रखा गया है या नहीं ? और इसकी पहली बैठक कब होगी ?

**Shri Annasahib Shinde:** The board would be presided over by the Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Agriculture; then the various State Governments in whose States the ravine lands are concentrated, namely UP, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat would be represented; then, there would be some experts such as the Inspector-General of Forests, the Agricultural Commissioner, Soil Conservation experts and so on. The list consists of 15 members in all.

**श्री मनुभाई पटेल :** गुजरात में ऐसी कितनी जमीन है जो रिक्लेमेशन बोर्ड के नीचे आयेगी और कितनी रिक्लेम करेंगे ?

**Shri Annasahib Shinde:** According to the information available with the Government of India, Gujarat is having 9,88,000 acres of land which falls within the category of ravine lands.

#### Port Facilities for Export of Steel

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\*457. **Shri Sradhakar Supakar:**  
**Shri N. R. Laskar:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of exporting steel to foreign countries is handicapped on account of inadequate export facilities at all the major ports of India; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken in the matter?

**The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao):** (a) No Sir. The facilities at the major ports for export of steel are considered adequate, provided the exporters maintain close contact with the port authorities and assist them through advance planning to ensure that