

**Bridge over Rupnarain River at  
Kolaghat**

\*1482. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) when the newly constructed road bridge at Kolaghat on the Rupnarain river was opened for traffic ;

(b) whether some minor works of construction are still going on ;

(c) the original estimate for construction and whether the estimate was revised; and

(c) if so, the final cost of the construction ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) :  
(a) On the 3rd of December, 1967.

(b) Yes, Sir ; only the work on the staircases is still in progress.

(c) The original estimate for its construction amounted to Rs. 112.21 lakhs. No revised estimate has been received from the State Government so far, but it is understood that it is likely to be Rs. 136.00 lakhs approximately.

(d) The final cost will be known only after the accounts are closed finally.

**Proposed visit to India by Pilots  
of Pakistan Airlines**

\*1483. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some pilots of the Pakistan Airlines were to visit India, on or about the 20th of March, 1968, at the invitation of their counterparts in the Indian Airlines Corporation and that it had to be cancelled at the last moment ; and

(b) if so, the purpose of the proposed visit and on whose initiative the visit was proposed ?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Indigenous Aircraft Industry to augment  
the I.A.C. Fleet**

\*1484. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any policy decision to rely on the indigenous aircraft industry for supply of aircraft required for use in the I. A. C. ;

(b) if so, the steps taken to modify the types of aircraft produced at the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. to the standards required for use in the I.A.C. ; and

(c) how many aircraft produced at the H. A. L. are proposed to be acquired by the I.A.C. for augmenting its fleet during 1968-69 and 1969-70 ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):  
(a) and (b). Indian Airlines have placed orders for the purchase of 14 HS-748 aircraft, which are suitable for use without any modifications.

(c) Five aircraft each are expected to be received during 1968-69 and 1969-70.

**Central Inland Water Transport  
Corporation**

\*1485. SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) the States where the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation is running transport services ; and

(b) the total mileage covered by the Corporation so far ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) and (b). The Corporation is providing light-erage and ferry services and pleasure cruises on holidays within the Calcutta Port. In Assam, the Corporation has been entrusted by the State Government with the Jogihopa-Pancharatna Ferry from the 1st April, 1968. Subject to availability of traffic, the Corporation also provides goods transport services in Assam by river between Dhubri and Dibrugarh, a distance of about 710 kms.