

Iron ore Plant at Visakhapatnam

*332. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a programme to develop the iron ore handling plant at Visakhapatnam during the Fourth Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). The Visakhapatnam Port at present has an iron ore handling plant with an estimated annual capacity of 4.5 million tonnes. Some improvements to the plant, estimated to cost about Rs. 57 lakhs, are being carried out to increase its annual capacity to 6 million tonnes. These works are expected to be completed by October 1969. It is also proposed to develop during the Fourth Plan period an Outer Harbour at Visakhapatnam capable of handling deep drafted ore carriers with modern ore handling facilities of greater capacity.

(c) As the proposals for the development of ports during the Fourth Five Year Plan are still under consideration in consultation with the Planning Commission, it is not possible to indicate at this stage the amount that will be allocated for this purpose.

इंडियन एयर लाइन्स को हानि

*340. श्री सूरज मान :

श्री रणजीत सिंह :

श्री नारायण स्वर्ण शर्मा :

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :

क्या पर्यटन तथा अर्थनिक उद्घरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इंडियन एयर लाइन्स के ऐसे विमानों की संख्या कितनी है जिनसे लाभ नहीं हो रहा है ;

(ख) इनसे गत तीन वर्षों में कितनी हानि हुई है ; और

(ग) इस घाटे को दूर करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है और उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ?

पर्यटन तथा अर्थनिक उद्घरण मंत्री (डा० कर्ण सिंह) : (क) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के वाइकाउन्ट, फोकर, एच एस-748, स्काई-मास्टर और डेकोटा विमान लाभप्रद सिद्ध नहीं हो रहे हैं ; वे जनता के लिये विभिन्न मार्गों पर आवश्यक विमान सेवाएं उस लाभ के सहारे से चला रहे हैं जो अन्य मार्गों पर चल रहे दूसरे प्रकार के विमानों से हो रहा है ।

(ख) सभा पटल पर एक विवरण रखा गया है । [पुस्तकालय में रखा दिया गया । देखिए संख्या LT-244/69] .

(ग) स्काईमास्टरों को भूमिस्थ कर दिया गया है, तथा डकोटों को बदल कर क्रमशः उनके स्थान पर अन्य विमान लिये जा रहे हैं । वाइकाउन्ट विमानों को भी 1970 से प्रारम्भ होने वाले दशक में जल्दी ही बदल दिया जायेगा । नये एवं लाभप्रद विमान ले लेने पर इंडियन एयर लाइन्स के परिचालनों की आर्थिक स्थिति के यथासमय सुधर जाने की आशा है । कुछ मार्गों को चाहे वे लाभप्रद न भी हों बनाये रखना पड़ेगा ।

Janta Vidyalaya Scheme to teach Hindi in Madras

*341. SHRI R. BARUA :

SHRI N. R. LASKAR :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision in regard to the proposed Janta Vidyalaya Scheme to teach Hindi to the willing learners in the State of Madras has been taken ;

(b) if so, when the scheme is likely to start ; and

(c) the progress made in setting up such teaching institutions in the South ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) The Government of India have sanctioned financial assistance to the Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha of Madras for running 200 Single-Teacher Hindi Vidyalayas in Tamil Nadu for teaching Hindi to those, who may wish to learn Hindi voluntarily.

(b) Some of these Hindi Vidyalayas were started by the Sabha from 2nd October, 1968, i.e. Mahatama Gandhi's Birthday.

(c) So far, about 110 Hindi Vidyalayas have been started.

Development of Haldia Port

*342. **DR. RANEN SEN ;**
SHRI J. M. BISWAS ;
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA ;
SHRI K. HALDER ;
SHRI SITARAM KESRI ;

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

(a) the progress made so far in developing Haldia as a satellite Port of Calcutta ;

(b) the amount which has been spent so far in this respect ; and

(c) how long it will take to complete the construction ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH) : (a) The Haldia Project comprises the construction of an oil jetty and an impounded Dock System with six berths and other ancillary facilities. The Oil Jetty has already been completed and brought into commission since August, 1968. Civil construction and dredging of the dock basin are in progress. Orders have been placed for the supply of coal and iron ore loading plants, shunting locomotives and sliding caisson gates for the lock entrance.

(b) An amount of Rs. 15.75 crores has been spent on the project upto the end of January, 1969.

(c) The work relating to the Haldia Project is progressing according to schedule and is expected to be completed in early 1971.

National Research Development Corporation of India

*343. **DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :**
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the working of the National Research Development Corporation of India during the last five years ;

(b) if so, the nature of irregularities found during the same period ; and

(c) the nature of action proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) Government has not made a separate assessment of the working of the Corporation. The Corporation, however, is submitting its Annual Report regularly and the Report is placed before Parliament.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Cell for Rural Roads in Bihar

*344. **SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH :** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rural Roads Committee recommended that a separate cell for rural roads be created under the State Highway Department ;

(b) whether the cell has been created in Bihar ;

(c) if so, the progress made so far ; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in forming the cell ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH) : (a) No, Sir. The Committee have recommended the creation by State Govts. of a separate Engineering Department headed by a Chief Engineer to look after all the rural works.

(b) The Bihar Govt. have already under their Community Development and Panchayat Department a Rural Engineering Organisation to deal with all rural works including rural roads.