

### Financial restructuring for Cochin Shipyard

3081. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:  
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial restructuring was done for Cochin Ship-Yard as apart of its revival plan;

(b) if so, whether same is being done for Hindustan Ship-Yard and Hooghly Dock & Port Engineering as part of these revival plans; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not adopting uniform measures for revival of Public Sector Ship Building and Ship Repairing Units?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for restructuring of capital base of Hindustan Shipyard is under consideration of Govt. There is, however, no proposal for restructuring of capital base of Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd.

(c) In order to identify the problems and to draw up rehabilitation package for Public Sector Shipyards, Govt, had appointed Commottees/Consultants to make necessary recommendation. While the genesis for capital restructuring of Cochin Shipyard Ltd. & Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. lies in the recommendations made in 1987-88 by the High Powered Committee headed by Shri Lovraj Kumar, the recommendation for revival and modernisation of Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd. made by four Committees/Consultants during 1936 to 1995 did not have capital restructuring as one of the measures. However, based on the recommendation of the Bawa Committee, Govt, have since accepted the short term revival measures for HDPE in July '96 to be followed by drawing up of a long term plan for its revival. Action to implement the same has since been initiated.

### वस्त्र उद्योग में मंदी

3082. श्री रामजीलाल: क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि देश में पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान वस्त्र उद्योग में भारी मंदी आई है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने वस्त्रों संबंधी निर्यात नीति में कोई परिवर्तन किए हैं जिनके परिणामस्वरूप वस्त्र उद्योग में मंदी आई है; और

(घ) वस्त्र उद्योग में आई इस मंदी को दूर करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर.एल. जालप्पा): (क) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान देश में वस्त्र क्षेत्र में अच्छी प्रगति हुई है जिसमें गिरावट आने के कोई आसार नहीं हैं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

### Cancellation of passenger ship service between Nagapattinam and Singapore

3083. SHRI O.S. MANIAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passenger ship service between Nagapattinam and Singapore via Madras has been cancelled;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to restore the service; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A passenger ship plying between Madras/Nagapattinam/Penang/Port Kelang/Singapore caught fire in February, 1985 and was extensively damaged and the vessel was scrapped. Further, it was also decided in November, 1985 not to resume this service as it was not economically viable. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to restore this service.

### Installation of Telephones in Calcutta

3084. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephones proposed

to be installed in Calcutta zone during the current fiscal year;

(b) the expected backlog of applications for new connections by the end of the year; and

(c) the measures initiated to ensure that a new directory is made available to subscribers in Calcutta zone before the end of the year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) 55,000 Connections will be provided in Calcutta in the current year.

(b) Most of the waiting list as on 1.4.96 will be cleared during 1996-97. The expected waiting list at the end of the financial year 1996-97 will be about 60,000.

(c) The case for printing of Telephone Director for Calcutta Telephone District is under process.

#### **Exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops in Siachen border**

3085. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian and Pakistani troops have been exchanging heavy fire in Siachen for over a month;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the casualties, if any, on the Indian side;

(c) the reasons for the exchange of heavy fire between Indian and Pakistani troops; and

(d) the steps have been taken to bring normalcy in Siachen?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) & (d) Exchange of fire takes place routinely along the Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) in Siachen sector. In the course of such firing, during the last one month, three Other Ranks were wounded on our side. The firing by the Pakistani troops has been unprovoked. In order to resolve the Siachen issue, several rounds of talks were held during the period 1986 to 1992. Later a Non-Paper on the issue was also given to Pakistani Government in January 1994. However, there has been no positive response from the Pakistani side.

#### **मध्य प्रदेश में खण्ड विकास मुख्यालयों में दूरभाष सुविधाएं**

3086. श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में उन खण्ड विकास मुख्यालयों का ब्यौरा क्या है जहां दूरभाष सुविधाएं हैं; और

(ख) उन खण्ड विकास मुख्यालयों का ब्यौरा क्या है जहां कोई दूरभाष सुविधा नहीं है और इसके क्या कारण हैं?

श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा (संचार मंत्री): (क) एवं (ख) मध्य प्रदेश में सभी 459 खण्ड विकास मुख्यालयों को सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन सुविधा प्रदान कर दी गई है।

#### **Instructions to state Government to reduce road accidents**

3087. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instructions or guidelines to the State Governments to take measures to reduce road accidents in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Government thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to start a massive publicity campaign to increase public awareness of road safety measures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines issued by the Government contains instructions on various measures like engineering, enforcement, educative, publicity and general aspects. The State Governments normally draw their own road Safety programmes based on these guidelines although they have to concentrate more on local problems. The reactions of the State Governments to these guidelines are reflected in various fora where road safety issues are discussed.

(c) and (d) Carrying out publicity campaigns to increase public awareness of road safety measures is a continuing process. These measures include publicity through press.