

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा  
संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी. जे. जयपुरी) :  
(क) और (ख) घाटी को बतमान  
परिस्थितियों को देखते हुए अस्थायी  
उपाय के रूप में, दिनांक 5-3-1990  
से समाचार यूनिट को जम्मू से चलाने  
व्यावहारिक समझा गया। अस्थायी दूरदर्शन  
केन्द्र, श्रीनगर कार्य कर रहा है।

#### Madras Singapore Shipping Service

2385. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

SHRI TINDIVANAM G.  
VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE  
TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to  
reintroduce Madras—Singapore shipping  
service by Shipping Corporation of India or  
any other agency;

(b) whether there is any proposal under  
Government's consideration to start Gulf-  
Cochin ship service; and

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b)  
above be in the affirmative, the details of  
the service?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE  
TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P.  
UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The Shipping  
Corporation of India Ltd. has been asked to  
conduct feasibility studies on operation of  
Shipping services on Madras-Singapore and  
Cochin-Gulf sectors. Government are also  
prepared to encourage private sector in  
organising shipping services on Madras—  
Singapore and Cochin-Gulf sectors, if the Go-  
vernment receive such proposals.

#### Stock-Piling of Iron Ore at different ports

2386. SHRI JAGADISH JANI:  
Will the Minister of SURFACE  
TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has  
been a stock-piling of iron

ore at different pit-heads of different ports in  
the country;

(b) if so, the port-wise position as on  
30th April, 1990;

(c) the steps taken to clear the stocks;  
and

(d) the details of the specific  
order placed to different ports for  
the export of iron ore?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE  
TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P.  
UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Except at  
Visakhapatnam Port, the stock of iron ore to  
the Major Ports exporting iron ore is not  
beyond the level required to meet the  
operational requirements.

(b) The port-wise position as on 30-4-90  
of iron ore stock at the various ports handling  
iron ore is:—

(in Lakh tonnes

(i)	Visakhapatnam	6.35
(ii)	NewMangalore	1.19
(iii)	Mormugao	4.52
(iv)	Madras	2.68
(v)	Paradip	2.51

(c) and (d) Clearance of stock of iron  
ore depends, among other things, on  
adequate nomination of vessels for lifting the  
iron ore. Lack of adequate nomination of  
vessels is the main reason for building up  
large stocks at certain ports. The matter has  
been taken up by the Minerals & Metals  
Trading Corporation, which is the agency  
exporting iron ore through Visakhapatnam  
Port.