

(घ) वर्ष 1988-89 के दौरान खर्च की जाने वाली प्रस्तावित राशि निम्नलिखित है :—

वर्ष — 95.56 करोड़ रु०

सबसिडी — 9.19 करोड़ रु०

वर्ष 1989-90 के लिए वार्षिक योजना और बजट को अभी अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है। अतः 1989-90 के दौरान खर्च की जाने वाली सम्भावित राशि दर्शाना सम्भव नहीं है।

(ङ) इस समय 10 कार्यरत महापत्तन हैं अर्थात् बम्बई, मद्रास, मुरगांव, पराशर, टूटोकोरिन, कलकत्ता (हिन्दिया सहित), विशखातनम, कोचीन, कांडला, न्यू मंगलूर और एक पत्तन अर्थात् न्हावा शेवा पत्तन निर्माणाधीन है। पत्तनों का विकास और सुधार एक संतत प्रक्रिया है और बालू वर्ष सहित प्रत्येक वर्ष पत्तनों के विकास से संबंधित विभिन्न कार्य निष्पादित किए जा रहे हैं। सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में महापत्तनों के विकास के लिए 955 करोड़ रु० की राशि का प्रावधान किया गया है।

Subway at Palavanthangal railway gate, Madras

*277. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a subway at Palavanthangal railway gate in Madras City was sanctioned about three years ago and all construction material was dumped to start the project; if so, what are the details of progress made so far; and

(b) by when the work on this project is proposed to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The work could not, however, be started on account of the State Government not acquiring the land for its

portion of the work, i.e., the approaches on either side.

(b) This mainly depends on how long the State Government will take to complete the approaches, which is the critical activity.

Shortage of Aircraft Capacity

*278. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have liberalised its charter policy to overcome shortage of aircraft capacity; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) In order to encourage overseas tourist traffic to India, the Government have liberalised its charter policy. The charter guidelines will not permit passengers to land not only at Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Trivandrum Dabolim (Goa) and Bangalore but charters will also be permitted to land at Hyderabad, Varanasi, Ahmedabad and Bhubaneswar.

Female Literacy in the Country

*279. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Self-employed Women has observed that the female literacy rate is still lower in the country;

(b) if so, what are the areas where the female literacy is very low and what are the main reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission on Self-Employed Women has in its report concluded that the incidence of illiteracy amongst women is far greater in rural areas than in the urban areas. The main reason for the high incidence of illiteracy is the poor enrolment of girls and even poorer retention after enrolment. The high drop out rate is in turn due to their contribution in helping their mothers in domestic work, looking after their younger brothers and sisters and contributing to the family economy as child labour, besides socio religious customs which do not permit girls to travel long distances from home.

(c) The Department of Education have already initiated action in the matter as stated below:—

(i) Mobilisation of women adult learners for the Adult Education Centres in large number;

(ii) Appointment of large number of women instructors even by relaxing the minimum qualifications;

(iii) Making arrangements for continuing education of such instructors so that they are equipped as good and competent instructors;

(iv) Substantial women's participation under the Mass Programme of Functional Literacy;

(v) Sizeable participation of women adult learners in Vocational and Technical Education;

(vi) Induction of women on a large scale in literacy Mission Management;

(vii) Involvement of large number of voluntary agencies, especially, VAs working for women;

(viii) More attention by Shramik Vidyapeeths to women workers;

(ix) Special orientation and training of women instructors as effective agents of promoting women's equality and empowerment;

(x) Designing an Adult Education Programme for women which will be linked with imparting new skills, upgradation of their existing skills and new income generating activities;

(xi) Creation and provision of opportunities for retention of literacy skills and application of this learning for improving their living conditions;

(xii) Setting up of cells in the State Directorates of Adult Education and State Resource Centres to plan and administer women's programme and encouraging their participation in condensed courses.

Cargo Handled by Paradip Port

*280. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: with the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total metric tonnes of cargo handled by Paradip Port during 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88 and so far during 1988-89, alongwith the value thereof;

(b) whether the short-fall in respect of Iron Ore exports have put the Port in bad shape;

(c) if so, what action Government have taken to increase the Iron Ore export through this Port;

(d) whether it is a fact that Aluminium produced by National Aluminium Company Ltd. is being exported through Visakhapatnam Port instead of Paradip Port; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?