

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) During the last one year *i.e.*, from August, 1986 to date, there have been three accidents involving Indian Airlines aircraft. In the corresponding period for the preceeding *two* years there had been two accidents each year involving Indian Airlines aircraft. An increase of one accident in one year is not considered a trend.

(c) There has been no accident to any Indian Airlines aircraft during the last six months.

Taj Mahal turning yellow

*58. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the proposals under the consideration of Government to prevent the white marble of the Taj Mahal from turning yellow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): Discolouration of the marble takes place due to weathering, deposit of superficial dirt and particles on surface, oxidation of certain minerals in natural composition of marble and stains of oil and grease left by visitors. As decided by the High Power Expert Committee national scientific institutions and laboratories as well as Unesco experts have been associated in the constant monitoring, advice and implementation and taking measures such as chemical, _ claypack or attapulgate for treatment and removal of accretions. Regular monitoring of environmental pollutants and control measures such as afforestation and restrictions on smoke emitting industries have also been undertaken.

Integrated Development of Paradeep Port in Orissa

*59. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted the proposal of M/s. Hyundai Corporation of South Korea amounting to Rs. 530, crores for the integrated development of Paradeep Port in Orissa;

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

(c) whether any condition has been imposed by South Korea under the said proposal; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAIESH PILOT): (a)

and (b) Messrs Hyundai Corporation has offered to Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation of India a loan for improving iron ore export facilities at Paradip Port. The cost of these facilities estimated in 1985 is Rs. 228 crores. Government have decided to entrust to the Hyundai Corporation and preparation of a Detailed Project Report.

(c) and (d) The Government of the Republic of Korea have not imposed any condition on the proposal of Messrs Hyundai Corporation. They have, however, suggested that India may place orders for ships on, South Korean Shipyards. The present policy is to place orders for ships after following the tendering procedure.

India's performance in sports

*60. SHRI AJIT P. K. TOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government are aware that India has not been able to keep pace with the rest of the world in the field of sports and our overall performance has registered a steep decline in hockey, football, athletics etc;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the main reasons for this unfortunate decline is the lack of play grounds and other facilities in schools and other educational institutions;