

Trust to re-employ the concerned 332 workers by issuing identity cards to them; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to re-employ the re-trenched workers and save the port from labour trouble?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Due to lightning strike by cylearing and forwarding workers from 3-10-1985, the clearing and forwarding operations in Paradip Port were paralysed. As a result, M/s. SAIL and TISCO could not move imported coking coal to their steel plants and this caused an alarming situation at their steel plants threatening their closure as coal stocks in the mills had become critically low. Hence, both M/s. SAIL and TISCO requested Paradip Port Trust to arrange for loading of coking coal into wagons and trucks by mechanical means. Accordingly, mechanisation of coal loading has been introduced in Paradip Port from 8th October, 1985.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Chief Minister had taken a meeting with the President, Paradip Port and Dock Mazdoor Union and Chairman, Paradip Port Trust on 10th September, 1985 to discuss the outstanding problems of the clearing and forwarding workers of Paradip Port. The Chief Minister had desired that the Paradip Port Trust authorities may agree to scrutinise the list of about 1800 workers, which the Union claimed was once submitted to the Port authorities but out of which only about 1479 workers were issued gate passes once again, and such of the workers, not exceeding 332, who were found to have worked in the port, in the past, may be issued gate passes.

In pursuance of the above decision, the Chairman, Paradip Port Trust have informed that the Union could not produce any proof of these workmen having worked in the Port to consider the request for issuing entry passes to them.

(d) The question does not arise as there has been no retrenchment on account of mechanisation of coal loading.

Commissioning of the new terminal building at Ranchi Airport

1802. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the new terminal building at Ranchi airport is likely to be commissioned;

(b) by when the night landing facilities at Ranchi airport are likely to be utilised;

(c) whether there is any proposal to have a Ranchi-Patna-Bombay flight;

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be started; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in negative, whether Government propose to consider feasibility of such a flight?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) By July 1986.

(b) Night landing facilities have been sanctioned for this airport and are likely to be installed by the end of 1986. Indian Airlines can utilise these facilities thereafter.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The operation of such a service would depend on traffic demand and fleet capacity of Indian Airlines.

Indian Council of Medical Research Report on T.B. cholera typhoid and polio

1803. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA, SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Medical Research in its recent

study has concluded that the National Health Education Programme has failed to impart correct knowledge about protection against various infectious diseases like TB, cholera, typhoid and polio which take heavy toll of life; and

(b) If so, what is Government's reaction in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Indian Council of Medical Research have received a study report from an Investigator in receipt of a study grant from Indian Council of Medical Research in which some shortcomings in the health education programme in three states have been highlighted. The Indian Council of Medical Research are yet to appraise the report, the methodology used and the validity of the conclusions drawn. It is, therefore, premature to consider taking any action.

Malnutrition in the Country

1804. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 55 per cent children are affected by malnutrition in the country;

(b) whether any steps are being taken to provide cheap and balanced diet or any other model diet for the masses; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The following supplementary feeding programmes for pre-school children are implemented by the Government of India in an attempt to bridge the calorie gap observed in their home diets:

Ministry of Welfare:

(1) Balawadi Nutrition Programme.

(2) Special Nutrition Programme.

(3) Integrated Child Development Services Scheme.

Ministry of Human Resources

(4) Mid-day meal programme in primary schools.

In addition the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies is involved in several projects to improve the nutrition situation in the country:—

(1) Development of low cost weaning foods for supplementary feeding;

(2) Education, extension and publicity activities;

(3) Fortification and enrichment programmes such as salt with iron; Sago with proteins, vitamins and minerals and with Vitamin 'A'.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the following intervention programmes;

(1) Prophylaxis programme to prevent nutritional anaemia in mothers and children;

(2) Prophylaxis programme against blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency;

(3) National Goitre Control Programme.

Appointment of the Air India General Sales agent in London

1805. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India has terminated the contract of its General Sales Agent in London and appointed another;

(b) whether the work load on the General Sales Agent at London is considerable; and

(c) if so, what is the extent of the work involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Air India has given a six-month written notice to its General Sales Agent in London on 21st October, 1985 to terminate the appointment effective from April 30, 1986. Air India has not yet appointed any other General Sales Agent.