

to lack of resources in the shape of coaches, diesel engines.

(c) Assam Mail is well patronised at present on the present route and hence its diversion would not be desirable.

M.V. Laccadives

511. SHRI KISHOR MEHTA:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER

PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ship M. V. Laccadives has been berthing in the Cochin Port since January, 1983; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the Government's plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir, M.V. Laccadives was lying in the Cochin Port from 29 January, 1983 to 27 October, 1985.

(b) The vessel, belonging to the Home Ministry, was awaiting disposal. The vessel has been sold for scrap through the Shipping Corporation of India with delivery at Bombay.

Air Services to Pune

512. SHRI KISHOR MEHTA:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER

PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many air services have been introduced linking Pune during the last three years; and

(b) what improvements in airport terminal building have been carried out/pro-

posed to be carried out to meet the increasing traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) During the last three years the following new services to and from Pune have been started:

—A daily B-737 service on the Delhi Pune-Bangalore route by Indian Air lines.

—An HS-748 service thrice a week on the Bombay-Pune-Hyderabad route by Indian Airlines.

—A doriryer service on Bombay, pune Indore route thrice a week by Vayudoot.

(b) The Civil Aviation Department has plans to carry out extensions/modifications of the terminal building, car parking area, approach road etc. at Pune airport during the current plan period, at an estimated cost of Rs. 40 lakhs.

Trained Navigation Engineers

513. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of qualified navigation engineers who are unemployed and since when they are unemployed;

(b) the steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter of their employment; and

(c) whether there is any proposal restricting future recruitment of cadets in Rajendra and Lal Bahadur Shastri National College?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The estimated number of unemployed navigating officers holding certificate of competency as second mates on foreign going ships is 250. The period of unemployment is two years and under.