

(b) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

#### Ship Repair

412. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the existing facilities in the country for ship repairs are grossly inadequate and large sums have to be spent for getting ships repaired abroad;

(b) if so, what is the amount spent during 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 for repairs abroad;

(c) what steps have been taken or are likely to be taken for creating adequate facilities for repairing ships in the country and the provisions made, if any, during the Seventh Plan for the purpose; and

(d) by when the country is likely to be self-sufficient in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount spent for repairs abroad are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

1981-82 . . . . .	47.48
1982-83 . . . . .	53.31
1983-84 . . . . .	30.76
1984-85 . . . . .	28.83

(c) and (d) In order to augment ship-repairing facilities in the country, a number of schemes have been approved or action initiated as per details given below:—

(i) A scheme for improvement and modernization of Dry Dock inside Calcutta Port;

(ii) A scheme for improving and modernizing of ship repair facilities at HSL;

(iii) A scheme for improvement and modernization of dry docks in Bombay Port;

(iv) A scheme for setting up of ship repairing facility inside Madras Port;

(v) A scheme for establishment of an exclusive Dredger Repair Facility at Calcutta;

(vi) A scheme for additional Quay at CSL for ship repair facilities.

(vii) Extension of fiscal measures to registered shiprepairers for better utilisation of their shiprepairing facilities.

There is provision of nearly Rs. 41 crores for shiprepair facilities in India in the VIIIth Five Year Plan. In addition, invitation of private capital for creation of shiprepair facilities may help in achieving self-sufficiency.

#### National permits for trucks

413. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PAT-  
ALIYABHAI RATHVA-  
KOLI:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Transport Development Council at its meeting held on the 18th October, 1985 recommended for abolition of restriction on the issue of national permits for the carriage of goods by truck;

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon; and

(c) what are the details of the proposed coordination between the surface transport and railways as a result of the implementation of the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Govt. have accepted the recommendation.

(c) Full coordination will be maintained between Deptt. of Surface Transport and Deptt. of Railways as these two departments constitute one Ministry.

**Expansion of Vayudot in eastern and south-eastern regions**

414. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to expand Vayudoot services in the eastern and south-eastern sectors of the country during the current financial year; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current financial year Vayudoot has plans, subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability of operations, to extend its operations to the following new stations in the Southern and Eastern Regions:

Dhanbad, Patna, Gaya, Purnea, Gopalpur, Jeypore, Agartala, Aizawl, Lilabari, Zero, Daparizo, Dibrugarh, Passighat, Tuticorin, Raichur, Bellary, Hubli, Thanjavur, Mangalore & Calicut.

**Introduction of the All India Technical Service**

415. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Seminar on Engineering Education Policy, which was held in New Delhi in 1985, recommended for introduction of an All India Technical Service and establishment of a Technical University in each State;

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken in the matter;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a

Special Cell in his Ministry for planning the engineering policy and to control all the engineering institutions; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The recommendations of the National Seminar on Engineering Education Policy held in New Delhi in October, 1985, do not contain any recommendation on the introduction of an All India Technical Service. However, one of the recommendations of the National Seminar emphasizes the desirability of having a technological university in each State to which the various engineering institutions of the State may be affiliated.

The above National Seminar is one of the series of several Seminars already held or further being organised for the formulation of National Policy on Education including Technical Education. The last Seminar on Engineering, Technical and Management Education to integrate the recommendations of the various Seminars organised in these fields was held at Bangalore from 6th to 9th November, 1985. The recommendations made by these Seminars will be further analysed through small working groups that may be set up for the respective fields. The recommendations made by these working groups will then be processed for framing the national policy in the particular fields.

**Inland Container Depots**

416. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railways propose to set up inland container depots in different parts of the country;

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

(c) by when the depots are likely to be set up;

(d) the names of places in Andhra Pradesh where the depots are to be set up; and