

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEE-RENDRA PATIL): (a) The management of Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has decided to operate regular bi-monthly service between Japan and West Asia Gulf.

(b) SCI has informed that the Japan|India-Pakistan-Gulf|Japan Conference (JAPERCON) has threatened it with serious consequences if case SCI takes any unilateral action directed towards commencing Japan-Gulf service.

(c) The matter is still under consideration of the SCI.

#### Acquisition of ships

1854. SHRI RAM LAKHAN  
PRASAD GUPTA:

SHRI LAKHAN SINGH.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state what are the recommendations of the high level committee about long term project for acquisition of ships on realistic basis consistent with trade requirements and the steps taken in relation to each of them?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEE-RENDRA PATIL): The Committee after its study arrived at certain tentative findings. Meanwhile, certain important developments took place in the international shipping scene. The situation is still very fluid. The findings of the Committee need further examination in the light of these developments.

#### M-30 Mini Bus

1855. SHRI D. HEERA-  
CHAND:

SHRIMATI MONIKA  
DAS:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the frequency of M-30 mini bus which runs between ISBT and Nanakpura;

(b) the number of trips undertaken by the buses on this route during the last six months; and

(c) the steps Government are taken to increase the frequency of buses and to enforce regularity of service on this route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) The route is operated by two private mini buses having daily schedule of 20 single trips.

(b) The trips operated during the last six months have been as under:—

Month	Trips Under-taken
January, 1982	724
February, 1982	553
March, 1982	783
April, 1982	693
May, 1982	549
June, 1982	546

(c) The plying of these mini-buses on this route has been fairly regular. While the present frequency is not possible to be increased in so far as the operations of these two Mini Buses are concerned and due to non-availability of more mini buses, the traffic requirements are satisfactorily catered to by an alternate route No. 602 starting from priya Cinema to ISBT. The Mudrika services from Nanakpura also provide connection with ISBT.

Fare for Haj Pilgrims charged by the Mugal Line for Haj, 1982

1856. SHRI GHULAM RA-SOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND

TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the fare for Haj Pilgrims charged by the Mugal line for Haj, 1982;

(b) the loss likely to be suffered by the Mugal line for this Haj traffic;

(c) whether Government propose to compensate the Mugal line for this loss;

(d) the number of pilgrims likely to be carried by the Mugal line during 1982; and

(e) the compensation per pilgrim payable by Government to the Mugal line as in 1982 and the percentage increased as compared to the year when the Haj fares were last fixed?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The fare for Haj pilgrims fixed for 1982 Haj are given below:

Bunk Class—Rs. 2600 per pilgrim.

First Class—Rs. 6300 per pilgrim.

(b) The loss likely to be suffered by Mogul Line on basis of revised fare would be Rs. 205.92 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The number of pilgrims likely to be carried by the Mogul Line during 1982 would be 9915.

(e) On the basis of loss of Rs. 205.92 lakhs during 1982 Haj on 9915 pilgrims the average loss works out to Rs. 2077.00 per pilgrim. The loss to be incurred during 1982 works out to 70.94 per cent of the Revenue. During 1979 when the previous fares were fixed the loss worked out to 52.30 per cent of the revenue. The percentage increased as compared to

the year when the Haj fares were last fixed would be 18.64 per cent.

### Shipping and Port Capacity

1857. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDLWAL:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the targets of shipping and port capacity to be built up during the remaining period of the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the port development programme is behind schedule; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Capacity of major ports is expected to be augmented from over 101 million tonnes as on 31-3-1980 to about 130 million tonnes at the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan.

As regards shipping capacity, the Sixth Plan envisages acquisition of 2.5 Million GRT (net) by the end of the Plan. This would mean acquisition of 3.4 million GRT (gross) after taking into account 0.9 million GRT anticipated to be scrapped during this period. The operational tonnage of the country is expected at 8 million GRT by the end of the Sixth Plan.

(b) Broadly speaking, the development schemes of the major ports have been progressing well.

(c) Does not arise.