

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) Shipping Corporation of India plans to start an all-container service to West African ports from December, 1980 and it also hopes to provide a container oriented service for carrying Indian exports to Caribbean and Latin American countries.

(c) The Corporation at present owns 145 ships of 48.72 lakhs DWT.

(d) Shipping Corporation of India has proposed to acquire 47 vessels during the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85) with total DWT of* 20.77 lakhs involving a total investment of about Rs. 808 crores including foreign exchange component of about Rs. 590 crores.

Misuse of Foreign Funds for Malaria Control Programme

*474. SHRILAKHAN SINGH:
SHRI HARI SHANKAR
BHABHRA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Press reports in the Indian Express dated 23rd September, 1980 criticising the role of foreign Agency in using the funds for the malaria control programme in the North-East region;

(b) whether it is a fact that there have already been reports of misuse of foreign funds from Tripura and other neighbouring States; and

(c) what preventive steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Ratio of Diesel Consumption amongst Roadways, Railways and Waterways

*475. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL :
SHRIMATI MARGARET
ALVA:

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

(a) what is the ratio of diesel fuel consumption amongst roadways, railways and waterways (ships);

(b) what is the present strength of the waterways;

(c) what is the strength of coastal shipping and what commodities are carried or can be carried by the ships; and

(d) what is the shipping tonnage and the weight of commodities carried yearly during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) According to assessment made by the Indian Institute of Petroleum, the broad sectoral consumption of High Speed Diesel Oil amongst various consuming Sectors is as below:—

Road Transport	60%
Rail Transport	9%
Agriculture	26%
Others;	5%

According to the Bhagwati Committee Report on Inland Water Transport (19) the consumption of Diesel Oil for moving 1 tonne Km by different modes of transport is as under:—

Mode of Transport	Consumption of diesel oil for moving 1 tonne Km (in liter)
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Road	0.030
Rail	0.012
DWT	0.004

(b) At present, India has 14,544 Kms. of navigable inland waterways and on the basis of available data as on 31-3-78, the registered number of mechanised Crafts engaged in inland waterways was 1231.

(c) Indian coastal shipping as on 30-11-80 consists of 59 ships, with 0.26 million GRT. The main commodities that have been carried or can be carried in the coastal trade are salt, coal, foodgrains, cement, iron ore, other ore and POL. However, the coastal trade at present is mainly in coal, salt and POL.

(d) As on 30-11-80, there have been 384 ships of 5.68 million GRT. The national ships carried Indian overseas traffic of 27.60 million tonnes, 22.82 million tonnes and 23.31 million tonnes during the year 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 respectively, besides they have also loaded 4.3 million tonnes, 5.1 million tonnes and 5.3 million tonnes coastal cargo during these years.

Expansion of the Trivandrum Medical College Cancer Unit

*476. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have approved the report for the expansion of the cancer unit set up with the Trivandrum Medical College in Kerala;

(b) if so, how much financial assistance will be granted by the Central Government for the expansion of this unit; and

(c) whether the Central Government will release shortly the funds proposed to be granted as assistance?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposals received from the Institute are being examined in consultation with the concerned technical authorities and suitable financial assistance within the available over-all allocation will be released during the current financial year.

Derecognition of Madhya Pradesh Medical Colleges

*477. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU : Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical colleges in Madhya Pradesh may be derecognised by the Medical Council of India following a decision of the State Government to waive the restriction of minimum qualifying marks for the admission for Harijan and Adivasi students to the Medical Colleges;

(b) whether the State Government has written to the Centre in this regard and