

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated to introduce further improvements in the working of the Delhi Transport Corporation; and

(d) if so, when it will be implemented?]

नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री (श्री कमला-पति त्रिपाठी) : (क) से (ग) जी हा ।

(घ) सेवाएँ नयी योजना के अन्तर्गत समय समय पर विभिन्न चरणों में शुरू की जायेंगी ।

†[THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMALAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The services will be started from time to time, under the new scheme on a phased basis.]

Foreign Scholarships for Medical Graduates.

*633. SHRI V. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of scholarships awarded from 1969 to 1974 to medical graduates in each State for higher studies abroad; country-wise;

(b) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to give more scholarships to the medical graduates from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh to go abroad for higher studies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) Against the various offers of scholarships received from certain foreign Governments/Organisations. 68 Medical

†[] English translation.

Graduates were selected for higher studies abroad during the years 1969—1974 as per details given below:

Name of the country	No. of Medical Graduates selected
United Kingdom	31
West Germany	12
New Zealand	6
Norway	4
Austria	10
Netherlands	1
France	3
Belgium	1

Selection of candidates against the scholarships offered by the foreign Governments/Organisations is made on an all India basis, merit being the sole consideration. As such, the scholarships are not earmarked for any particular State and Union Territory.

(b) In view of what has been stated above the question of giving more scholarships for Medical Graduates to any particular State does not arise.

Selection of basket ball players for the Asian Games at Tehran

*634. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
PROF. N. M. KAMBLE.

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that basketball players are asked in any contribution fees on their selection to represent India at the Asian games at Tehran;

(b) if so, what is the Government's policy in this connection when Indian teams participate in international tournaments; and

(c) whether the various federations submit accounts or budgets to Government along with their own expenses and contributions received from the players, when their teams go abroad?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) The Basketball Team has not been included in the Indian Continent for the Asian Games, 1974. The question of their having been asked for any contribution fees for participation in these Games does not, therefore, arise.

(b) Government do not approve of athletes and sportsmen being asked by the National Sports Federation to make any payment in connection with their participation in International Tournaments.

(c) The estimates submitted by the National Sports Federation do not indicate whether any contributions from players have been or are proposed to be obtained.

Haldia Port

*635. SHRI DWIJENDARALAL SEN GUPTA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 64 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1973 and state:

(a) by when the construction of the Haldia Port is likely to be completed;

(b) what was the scheduled date of completion; and

(c) what are the causes for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMALAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) According to the latest indications, the Haldia Dock Project is expected to be commissioned early next year.

(b) and (c) The original time-schedule for completing and commissioning the Haldia Dock System was December, 1971. This was on the assumption that a period of about 4 years would be required to

construct and commission the Dock System based on preliminary tender-drawings. Final working drawings evolved after detailed calculations and design showed that the work, particularly the construction of Dock was far more complicated and time-consuming. The Haldia Dock System is the first one of its type in the country and has been wholly planned, designed and is being executed by Indian engineers and experts. They have been dealing with various technical and other problems natural to a project of the magnitude and dimensions such as those of Haldia with all the complexities involved. Some of these were the change in the dimensions of the lock on the basis of anticipated availability of deeper draughts as assessed after detailed hydraulic studies, difficulties in lowering the water table at the lock-entrance of the Dock System to enable deep excavation being carried out prior to undertaking construction, general shortage of steel, cement and inadequate supply of wagons for movement of construction materials, low productivity of labour and unanticipated difficulties in working conditions during the monsoon period reducing considerably the availability of working time per year and delay in supply of plant and equipment by some indigenous manufacturers. Efforts have been made to solve the technical problems and to overcome shortage in cement, steel, wagons etc.

Leprosy Programme in Tripura

*636. SHRI C. P. MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any allocation has been made for the National Leprosy Control Programme in Tripura under the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (PROF. A. K. KISKU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.