

In such cases Indian Airlines make all possible efforts to accommodate them by resort to diversion or re-routing of services or operation of additional flights. The Corporation gives preference to interline ticket holders who may not be holding confirmed reservations as they bring revenue in foreign exchange.

Introduction of the Boeing 737 on several tourist routes has eased the shortage considerably.

#### MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN STATES

628. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE/

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to direct the State Governments for having uniform medium of instructions in schools and colleges in all the States; and

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

#### THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्रालय में  
उप मंत्री

AND SOCIAL WELFARE| (PROF. D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education declared by the Central Government in 1968 had *inter alia* recommended that urgent steps should be taken to adopt the regional languages, which are already in use as media of education at the primary and secondary stages, as media of education at the university stage. The National Policy has already been circulated to all the State Governments for implementation.

#### GENERAL CARGO BERTH AT PARADIP PORT

629. SHRI DHARAM CHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT|

संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन  
मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) when Government propose to open the General Cargo Berth at Paradeep Port; and

(b) whether it is a fact that additional Ore berth is to be constructed at Paradeep Port; if so, when the work is likely to be taken up and expected to be ready?

#### THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT|

संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री

(SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Government sanctioned on 8th June, 1971 the award of the contract for the construction of the General Cargo Berth at Paradip. The Paradip Port Trust have already issued the letter of intent to the contractor. The work is to be completed by August 1973.

(b) There is at present no proposal to construct an additional berth for ore export.

#### BOMBAY-GOIA ROAD AS NATIONAL HIGHWAY

630. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT|

संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bombay-Goa Road has been included in the list of National Highways; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far regarding the construction of this road?

#### THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT|

संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री

(SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). Presumably, the Member is referring to the classification of the

West Coast Road as a National Highway. This matter is receiving attention. Meanwhile, however, this road is already being developed with 100% Central financial assistance towards single-lane all-weather asphalted road. The development of the entire road to this standard is estimated to cost Rs. 22.39 crores against which a sum of Rs. 18.53 crores has already been spent so far on this project since its inception in the first 5-Year Plan.

#### AMENITIES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

631. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT

संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन

मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Study Group on way-side amenities on the National Highways has submitted its recommendations to Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT

संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन

मंत्री :

(SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) The report of the Study Group on Wayside Amenities is not yet ready.

(b) Does not arise.

#### BRIDGE OVER PANCHGANGA RIVER

632. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT

संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन

मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far regarding the construction of a bridge over

Panchganga river near Kolhapur on National Highway No. 4;

(b) whether tender from any party for the construction of the bridge has since been approved; if so, the name of the party; and

(c) when the work is likely to be commenced and the scheduled date of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT

संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन

मंत्री

(SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) to (c) An estimate for the construction of the bridge has been sanctioned and tenders have been received recently and are under consideration.

The bridge is likely to take about 2½ years to complete after the work is awarded.

#### STEPS TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

633. SHRI B. S. SAVNEKAR:  
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:  
SHRIMATI VIMAL PUNJAB  
DESHMUKH:  
DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI  
TALWAR:  
SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI: :  
SHRI T. G. DESHMUKH:  
SHRI S. B. BOBDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

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be pleased to state:

(a) what positive steps are being taken by Government for the better and efficient management of the public sector undertakings; and

(b) whether Government expect greater mobilisation of resources from these undertakings as a result of the improvements in the management as envisaged in the Fourth Five Year Plan and the Budget?