

and what action Government propose to take in this regard?]

**संसदीय कार्य तथा नौबहन और परिवहन मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) :** (क) अखिल भारतीय पोत वणिज परिषद् के अध्यक्ष श्री एल० एन० बिरला ने हाल ही गोवा में हुए परिषद् की चौथी वार्षिक बैठक में बताया था कि भारतीय पोत वणिकों को जिन समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ा, उनमें से एक उच्च और भेदभाव वाली भाड़े दर से संबंधित थी।

(ख) श्री बिरला ने विभिन्न पोत परिवहन मार्गों और अन्य प्रतिस्पर्धी देशों के नियतों को लागू पोत-परिवहन लागतों की सूचियों को समेकित करने की आवश्यकताओं को और ध्यान दिलाया था। उन्होंने पोतपरिवहन व्यवस्थाओं और बड़े पत्तनों में विरामकाल में सुधार लाने की आवश्यकता पर भी जोर दिया।

(ग) जहां तक आंकड़ों के संग्रह का संबंध है, सरकार की भी राय है कि सम्मेलनों के विचार विमर्श के लिए यथेष्ट सांख्यिकी औचित्य आवश्यक होगा। अखिल भारतीय पोतवणिज परिषद् जो पोतवणिज संगठनों की शिखर संस्था है ने स्वयं ऐसे विवेचनात्मक विश्लेषण करने के लिए अनुसंधान और सांख्यिकी कक्ष स्थापित किया है। सरकार विदेश व्यापार मंत्रालय में जानकारी भी एकत्रित कर रही है, भाड़ा जांच व्यूरो भी आंकड़े एकत्रित कर रहा है और अनेक अलग-अलग वस्तुओं और अलग मार्गों के लिए उचित दरों की जांच कर रहा है और करना रहेगा।

भारतीय पत्तनों में रोक बहुत कम है और जहाजों का विराम काल यांत्रिक तौर से माल की घरा उठाई सुविधा जिसकी पत्तनों में व्यवस्था की जा रही है से काफी सुधर जायगा।

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT

**संसदीय कार्य तथा नौबहन और परिवहन**

rot (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) : Shri L. N. Birla, Chairman of the All India Shippers Council had stated at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Council held recently in Goa that one of the problems faced by Indian Shippers related to high and discriminatory ocean freight rates.

(b) Shri Birla had drawn attention to the need for compiling indices of shipping costs applicable to various shipping routes and ports of other competing countries. He had also stressed the need for improving shipping opportunities and turn round at the major ports.

(c) In so far as data collection is concerned. Government are also of the view that adequate statistical justification would be necessary for the discussions with the Conferences. The All India Shippers Council, the apex body for Shippers Organisations has itself to set up a Research and Statistical Cell for undertaking such a critical analysis. Information is also being gathered by the Government in the Foreign Trade Ministry. The Freight Investigation Bureau has also been gathering data and have been scrutinising fair rates for several individual commodities and individual routes and will continue to do so.

Detentions in Indian Ports are far less, and turnround of ships will improve considerably with the mechanical improved cargo handling facilities now being provided in the Ports.]

### RE-CLASSIFICATION OF HOTELS

481. SHRI M. D. NARAYAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL

AVIATION, पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have appointed any Committee for the purpose of re-classifying 4 and 5 star hotels in the country;

(b) if so, when the committee was constituted and what are the details of the members of the Committee;

(c) what are the scope and terms of reference of the Committee;

(d) whether the Committee has since submitted its report to Government; if so when;

(e) what are the main recommendations made by the Committee; and

(f) whether Government will lay a copy of the report on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION/पर्यटन और नागर विमानन

rot (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. A hotel review committee was constituted on 2-2-1970 consisting of:—■

1. Shri S.D. Khanna, Deputy Director General, Department of Tourism, *Chairman*.

2. Shri C.J. Lisely, Commercial Director, Indian Airlines, *Lumber*.

3. Miss T.E. Philip,  
Principal,  
Institute of Catering  
Technology & Allied Nutrition,  
Bombay. *Member.*
4. Shri Inder Sharma, Managing  
Director, SUA World Travels  
(I) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi—  
*Member.*
5. Shri P. Ananda Rau, Hony.  
Secretary, Federation of Hotel  
& Restaurant Associations of  
India. *Member.*
6. An officer nominated by the State  
Government for the function of the  
Committee regarding applications in relation  
to hotels in that State.

(c) The terms of reference of the Committee were as under:—

(i) To reclassify on the basis of the fresh criteria developed by the Department of Tourism in association with the Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India, all such hotels as were recommended for award of 4 or 5 star gradations by the Hotel Review & Survey Committee in its report dated 22-2-1969.

(ii) To entertain applications from such other new hotels as have come up since 1st April, 1968 and approximate *prima facie* to 4 and 5 star categorisation.

f.iii) The hotels which may fail to secure 4 star categorisation will be assessed by the Committee for 3 star categorisation on the basis of the criteria as applied by the Hotel Review and Survey Committee—1968.

(d) Yes, Sir, on 15-6-1970.

(e) & (f) : The recommendations of the Committee are under the consideration of the Government.

#### **SUBMISSION OF REPORT BY INDIAN MOUNTAINEERING FOUNDATION ON DEATH OF MAJOR BAHUCIUNA**

482. SHRI G. R. PATEL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE/WT CTTT HTT3T «e\*41»l \*Wt be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Indian Mountaineering Foundation has submitted any report to

Government in regard to the circumstances leading to the death of Major Bahuguna; and

(b) if so, what are their main findings ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARES/fti«T HfT WK tfcQwi s'srera \*f OTu'efi (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) and (b) The matter is under enquiry by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation and they have set up a Committee for this purpose.

#### **INCOME-TAX ASSESMENT PROCEDURE**

483. SHRI THILLAI \ ILLALAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE/fW \*fcft be pleased to state :

(a) whether (he revised procedure of assessment of income-tax introduced for the year 1970-71 has proved successful for the speedy assessment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE/fart sai't\* 3 7W3 tt# (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) The revised procedure of assessment of income-tax has been introduced only with effect from 1-4-1971. As such it will be possible to assess its effect only after the expiry of the financial year 1971-72. at the earliest.

(b) Does not arise in view of the ai to (a) above.

#### **INCREASE IN AIR FARES BY INDIAN AIRLINES**

484. SHRI K. CHANDRASHEKHA-i RAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION/lfer wTt \*m? fauPPT >TtJr be pleased to state whether ii is a fact that Indian Airlines have under consideration a proposal to increase air fares, if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION/WET \*ftr TPIT famt'^eft (DR. KARAN SINGH) : Indian Airlines have submitted to Government a proposal for increasing air fares. The main reason for the proposal revision is the steep rise in operating costs, resulting from increases in fuel prices, hijacking insurance rates wages of staff, maintenance expenditure, etc.