

**SHARES OF FORMER CHAIRMAN OF JAYANTI SHIPPING CORPORATION**

**\*516. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS:**  
**SHRI MULKA GOVINDA**  
**RIDDY :**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Chairman of the Jayanti Shipping Corporation has expressed his desire to donate his shares worth Rs. 2.12 crores in the company to the Gandhi Memorial Trust ;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any arrangements for the transfer of the money to the Gandhi Memorial Trust ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. RAGHURAMANIAH) :** (a) There was a letter published in the 'Blitz' of 2nd August, 1969, purporting to have been written by Dr. Teja former Chairman of the Jayanti Shipping Company, in which he said that his "desire always has been to denote his shares in Jayanti to the Gandhi Memorial Trust in perpetuity".

(b) The question of Government making any arrangements for the transfer of the money to the Gandhi Memorial Trust does not arise since Government has received no offer from Dr. Teja in this regard. In any case, his entire shareholding in Jayanti Shipping Company stands attached under orders of the Bombay High Court.

(c) Does not arise.

**NAGARJUNASAGAR PROJECT SITE AS A TOURIST CENTRE**

**\*517. SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY :** Will the Minister of **TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to develop the Nagarjunasagar Project site and its surroundings as a tourist centre ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the facilities provided by the Archaeological Survey of India and the State Government, the following schemes have been completed with Central assistance :—

(i) Construction of an additional wing of 8 rooms to Vijay Vihar Circuit House at Nagarjunasagar.

(ii) Construction of Tourist Bungalow at Nagarjunakonda.

(iii) Purchase of a station wagon for use at Nagarjunakonda.

(iv) Provision of a launch to ferry tourists to Nagarjunakonda.

It is proposed to provide two more launches for use in Nagarjunasagar and two mini-buses for use in that area.

**LITERATES IN MADHYA PRADESH**

**\*518. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT :** Will the Minister of **EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of literates in Madhya Pradesh is much lower than the all India average ; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps Government propose to take in this respect ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) :** (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT**

(a) Yes, Sir. According to the 1961 census, the percentage of literacy in Madhya Pradesh was 17.1 as against the all-India average of 24.

(b) The liquidation of illiteracy requires the simultaneous development of two programmes :

(1) provision of universal and compulsory primary education; and

(2) the organisation of large scale literacy campaigns for adults.