

(b) According to present indications, the construction of the first phase of the Project is estimated to cost about Rs. 13 crores but a clearer picture will be available only after the Master Plan Report has been received from the Port Trust's Consulting Engineers and the exact details of the facilities to be provided at the Satellite Port have been worked out. The expenditure in respect of the first phase is expected to be met by Bombay Port Trust from their own resources.

#### SHIFTING OF SAFDARJANG AIRPORT

862. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADAU-RIA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the question of shifting the Safdarjang Airport to an alternative site has been finally decided;

(b) whether it is proposed to convert the present site into a housing colony; and

(c) if so, by when the Airport is likely to be shifted to the new site?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) In accordance with the provisions of the Master Plan for Delhi, the area is to be used for recreational purposes i.e., parks, play grounds and open spaces, after the aerodrome is shifted to another site.

(c) A Siting Board has examined a few alternative sites and its recommendations which have been received by Government recently are under consideration. After a final decision has been taken, it will take a few years to develop the new site and shift the operations (here).

#### SECOND SHIPYARD AT COCHIN

863. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADAU-RIA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state ;

(a) the progress made in setting up the Second Shipyards at Cochin; and

(b) the total expenditure so far incurred in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) I am making a statement in the House on the subject.

(b) An expenditure of about Rs. 96 lakhs was incurred on the Project upto the end of 1967-68.

#### LOSS SUFFERED BY CALCUTTA PORT

864. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADAU-RIA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Port incurred a loss during the year 1966-67; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Calcutta Port Commissioners incurred a loss of Rs. 311.6 lakhs during 1966-67.

865. [Transferred to the 11th August, 1968].

#### PAUCITY OF ACCOMMODATION IN SHIPS

866. SHRI M. ASAD MADANI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Haj pilgrims have to experience a lot of difficulties while travelling by the ships of the Mogul Line because of the paucity of accommodation in these ships; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) and (b) No difficulty is experienced by pilgrims while travelling by Mogul Line ships due to paucity of accommodation as the number of pilgrims carried by each ship is limited to her certified capacity. However, the three vessels of the Mogul Line which are at present engaged in the Haj traffic are not able to cater fully to the requirements of pilgrims. The Government of India have, therefore, approved the acquisition of an additional vessel.