

TUTICORIN PORT

*141. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the project work in the Tuticorin Port in Madras State has come to a standstill for want of funds;

(b) what is the cost of the project; and

(c) how much amount has been spent on it so far?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V.K.R.V. RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The project is estimated to cost Rs. 25 crores according to the Project Report which is under consideration.

(c) Rs. 5.22 crores upto 31st March 1967.

AIR ACCIDENTS

*142. SHRI MAHAMMED HANEEF: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many Pilots, Co-pilots, Radio Officers and other members of the crew of Indian Airlines Corporation died in accidents and crashes during the last two years; and

(b) what amount was paid to their relations as compensation?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) During the period 1st May 1965 to 30th April 1967, eight members of Indian Airlines Corporation crew viz., two Pilots, one Co-pilot, two Pilots under training, one Flight Engineer and two Cabin Attendants, died in accidents.

(b) A sum of Rs. 6.82 lakhs was paid to their relations as compensation.

SURVEY OF INDIAN FORESTS

*143. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any surveys of Indian forests with F.A.O.'s assistance;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the survey committee; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE):

(a) A Preinvestment Survey of Forest Resources is being undertaken in nine States viz. Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Kerala and Mysore, with the assistance of FAO and U.N.D.P.

(b) The work is still in progress.

(c) Does not arise, for the present.

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*144. श्री जगत नारायण : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली में चीनी के राशन को जो, कम कर दिया गया था, बहाल करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक बहाल किये जाने की संभावना है ?