

required by the countries concerned in the matter. The draft Plan prepared by the ECAFE Sectt. on this basis is proposed to be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee to be held at Bangkok on the 28—30th September 1966. Further action will follow in the light of the recommendations to be made at that meeting.

2. So far as the participation of foreign countries (*i.e.* countries outside the ECAFE region) in this project is concerned, the intention is that the ECAFE Sectt. may assist in the arrangement for financial or other assistance from aid-giving countries for the implementation of this project.

3. Of the selected routes suggested by the Committee for priority implementation, India is mainly concerned with priority routes A-1 and A-2. Priority route A-1 connecting Turkish/Iranian border with Viet-Nam and Singapore has been completed within India. Priority route A-2 is also complete within Indian borders except for two small missing links (Tanakpur in Uttar Pradesh to Nepal border—5 km, and Nepal border to Kharibari in West Bengal—3 km) which are proposed to be taken up in the Fourth Plan if funds permit.]

#### MUSTARD OIL IN THE PREPARATION OF VANASPATI GHEE

891. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for using mustard oil also along with other vegetable oils for the preparation of Vanaspati Ghee; and

(b) if so, what is the percentage of mustard oil proposed to be used.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

#### INTER-STATE ROUTE PERMITS

892. SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD PAHADIA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a dispute between Rajasthan, Punjab and Delhi regarding reciprocal agreements of inter-State route permits; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) and (b) It was proposed to introduce direct bus services on the inter-State routes Delhi-Khetri and Delhi-Jhunjhunu. The question of sharing the traffic on these routes between the Government of Punjab and Rajasthan and Delhi Administration, through whose territories the routes pass, was under discussion for some time. A decision has since been reached to the satisfaction of the authorities concerned.

#### UNIFORMITY IN THE PRICE OF SUGAR

893. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to bring uniformity in the rate of sugar in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

894. [Transferred to the 2nd September, 1966.]

#### IMPACT OF DEVALUATION ON CIVIL AVIATION STAFF IN NEPAL

895. SHRI DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government of India has been invited to the Press reports (*Statesman* of July 25, 1966