

# SEMINAR ON ROAD TRANSPORT OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA

\*352. **SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 170 in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th April, 1960 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken regarding the place for holding the proposed seminar on road transport operation and development in India; and

(b) whether any committee has been set up for making necessary arrangements?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):** (a) and (b). No. The matter is still under consideration. The Seminar is not now expected to be held before September-October, 1961.

## ACQUISITION OF LAND IN DELHI

\*353. { **SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI†:**  
**SHRI K. K. SHAH:**  
**SHRI M. M. MEHTA:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether any land owned by co-operative societies, notified for acquisition and falling within the residential area included in the Master Plan of Delhi, has been released to the respective co-operative societies; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the same?

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

## STATEMENT

In pursuance of the decision taken in January, 1960, certain "approved colonies" the layout and building plans

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Babubhai Chinai.

of which had been approved by Delhi Municipal Corporation, Delhi Development Authority or any other competent authority, were excluded from the purview of the Delhi Administration's Notification for acquisition of 34,070 acres of land. One such colony was owned by a Co-operative Society, namely, Swatantra Co-operative House Building Society.

**SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI:** In the statement it has been mentioned that 34,070 acres of land have been released. Will the hon. Minister be kind enough to say what the value of this land was?

**SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR:** Sir, I should like to have notice. But even if I had notice, it will take quite a long time to find it out because part of it is agricultural land, part of it is not cultivable and so on. We are trying to collect all that information. But as I anticipate it, it will be difficult to supply the information in a very short time.

**SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI:** In this statement it is mentioned that one colony was owned by a co-operative society. What is the area involved?

**SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR:** I think, Sir, more than one society is there, and . . .

**SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI:** The statement mentions only one society, namely, Swatantra Co-operative House Building Society.

**SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR:** That is right, Sir. I should like to have notice.

**SHRI R. P. N. SINHA:** Is the hon. Minister aware that a lot of profiteering is being done by the co-operative societies in the handling of lands?

**SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR:** After the Notification I understand that this type of speculation has ceased because when the land is notified there is nobody who is interested in speculation. Earlier we understand there was speculation.

**SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI:** In connection with this Swatantra Co-operative House Building Society, the hon. Minister has promised that he will find out the area. Will he be kind enough to find out the value also?

**SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR:** The approximate value, if that is available.

**SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI:** Thank you.

**PROVISION OF LUNCH FOR AIR PASSENGERS AT AGARTALA**

\*354. { **SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA†:**  
**DR. Z. A. AHMAD:**

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers travelling from Imphal to Calcutta by the Indian Airlines Corporation plane used to be served lunch at Agartala; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative whether this provision for lunch has recently been discontinued and if so, what are the reasons for the same?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Corporation find it impracticable to provide hot meals on Dakota services as the Dakotas do not have the necessary equipment. Meals prepared on the ground and served later on the aircraft are not relished by passengers. With the object of reducing avoidable waste and effecting economy, the Corporation have discontinued serving major meals on all their domestic Dakota and Heron services, and instead provide heavy snacks.

**SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** Sir, I understand from the Government that because the passengers do not relish the meals, they are starving the passengers.

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**MR. CHAIRMAN:** No; they give them heavy snacks.

**SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** I do not know; no snacks are given. May I know why it should not be possible for the Government or the Indian Airlines Corporation to provide meals at the airport itself where all facilities are available? In fact, one such meal used to be served when the old contractor was there.

**SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN:** It is rather difficult to reach the airport every time when the meal is to be served. It is not possible to adjust the timing of the aircraft according to the timing of the meals. Of course, meals were served at some places, as the hon. Member said, before the aircraft left the airports but that has been discontinued on the basis of the general policy adopted for the Dakota services.

**SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** Now, the position is this. The planes that leave Silchar or Imphal in the morning reach Agartala about lunch time. I know because I travel by that plane. Why should it not be possible to provide lunch at Agartala? The planes reach Calcutta very late in the afternoon because they halt there for a long time.

**SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN:** I have given the reasons in the reply.

**DR. H. N. KUNZRU:** Has the provision of lunches on board planes been stopped because of complaints received from passengers?

**SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN:** There were also complaints from the passengers about the meals.

**DR. H. N. KUNZRU:** Was it about the quality of the meals or about anything else?

**SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN:** About quality and about the meals getting cold and their not relishing them.