

High Frequency Omni-Range (VOR) Station is proposed to be established at Dodda-Belta Peak to provide en route navigational assistance to aircraft flying in that region.

(b) Survey in connection with the VOR has already been completed.

EXPANSION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF DESERT AFFORESTATION AND SOIL CONSERVATION STATION IN RAJASTHAN

80. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Desert Afforestation and Soil Conservation Station established in Rajasthan will be expanded to cover the entire Rajasthan for the purpose of tree planting in entire border desert area or to convert border sandy areas as sites suitable for pasture and cultivation; and

(b) if so, when this scheme will be taken up, and how much it will cost?

†[THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) No Sir. The basic idea of setting up the Station is to show to the people by Research and Demonstration in representative areas of the State, the ravage that is being done by indiscriminate grazing and how it can be brought under control by adoption of scientific methods of range management, plantation of trees etc.

(b) Does not arise.

EXPANSION PROGRAMME OF THE EASTERN SHIPPING CORPORATION LTD.

81. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Shipping Corporation Ltd., has under consideration any expansion programme and if so, what are the details of that programme; and

(b) how much it will cost to give effect to the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). The Corporation has planned to increase its participation in the India-Far East and India-Australia runs and has, for this purpose, placed orders on the Hindustan Shipyard (Private) Ltd., for the construction of four cargo vessels aggregating about 25,000 G.R.T. at a total estimated cost of Rs. 5.5 crores. The Corporation has plans for further expansion also but these cannot be pursued for the present due to lack of finance and difficult foreign exchange position.

POSTAL GIFT COUPONS

82. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of postal gift coupons which have so far been sold by Government; and

(b) the amount realised by the sale of such coupons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Not yet available.

(b) Does not arise.

PROPOSAL TO CUT DOWN SOME RIVER VALLEY PROJECTS

83. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration by Government to cut down some of the River Valley Projects; if so, which are those Projects; and

(b) what is the extent of foreign exchange likely to be saved as a result of implementing this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

Owing to the acute shortage of foreign exchange, the Planning Commission have requested all the State Governments to re-examine their irrigation programme and select only such projects as can be executed without much expenditure of foreign exchange

(b) Does not arise

‘विलेज विजिलेन्स स्कीम’

८४ श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या सरकार ‘विलेज विजिलेन्स स्कीम’ चालू कर रही है , और यदि हा, तो स्कीम की मुख्य बातें क्या क्या हैं और यह कब चालू हो जायेगी , और

(ख) उसमें केन्द्रीय सरकार का कितना हिस्सा होगा और राज्य सरकारों का कितना ?

†[VILLAGE VIGILANCE SCHEME

84 SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to introduce the ‘Village Vigilance Scheme’ and if so, what are the main features of the scheme and when it is likely to be introduced, and

(b) what is the share of the Central and the State Governments in this scheme?

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(क) और (ख) इस योजना के बारे में अभी छानबीन की जा रही है। इसकी तफसील राज्य सरकारों की सलाह और उनकी रजामन्दी से तैयार करनी है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) (a) and (b) The scheme is still in an exploratory stage. The details have to be worked out in consultation with and the concurrence of the State Governments]

भारतीय रेलों में इंजनों का डीजल से चलाया जाना

८५ श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि एशिया और मद्रास पूर्व के आर्थिक कमिशन की अन्तर्देशीय परिवहन समिति की रेल उपसमिति की जो बैठक दिल्ली में मार्च, १९५६ में हुई थी, उसमें विशेषज्ञों द्वारा प्रकट की गई इस राय से कि इस देश में इंजनों का डीजल से चलाया जाना अनिवार्य है, सरकार कहा तक सहमत है और इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

†[INTRODUCTION OF DIESELISATION ON INDIAN RAILWAYS

85 SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state how far Government agree with the opinion of experts expressed at the meeting of the Railway Sub-Committee of the Inland Transport Committee of Economic Commission for Asia and Far East held in Delhi, in March 1956, that it is essential to run engines with diesel oil in this region, and what steps have been taken in this regard?

रेल उप-मंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :

न विशेषज्ञ दल (Expert Group) ने और न एशिया और मद्रास पूर्व के आर्थिक कमिशन (चौथे अधिवेशन) की अन्तर्देशीय परिवहन समिति की रेल उपसमिति (Railway Sub-Committee of Inland Transport Committee) ने यह कहा है कि इस देश में इंजनों को डीजल से चलाना जरूरी है। फिर भी, भारतीय रेलों में छोटी मीटर और बड़ी लाइनों पर शटिंग के लिये और मुख्य लाइन की गाड़ियों में आजमाइश के तौर पर डीजल इंजन चलाकर यह देखा जा रहा है कि इन इंजनों पर अपेक्षाकृत कितना खर्च आयेगा और इनकी कार्यक्षमता कितनी है। इस