

(b) The intention is to hold one training camp in each group of subjects in every Gram Sevak's circle in one year. The subjects have been divided into five groups. Thus 250 leaders will be trained in every Gram Sevak's circle making a total of 45 lakhs for 1800 blocks that exist in the country at present. This number will go on increasing from year to year as the number of blocks increase. It is still too early to say whether this target will be actually period?

The duration of each camp will be three days. In the Draft Scheme already sent to the State Governments the course of training to be given in the Agriculture Group of subjects has been described. Similar courses of training will be prepared for the other groups of subjects and sent to the State Governments.]

FERRY ACROSS THE BRAHMAPUTRA AT GAUHATI

87. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have so far been taken to build and operate the ferry across the Brahmaputra at Gauhati;

(b) what type of ferry has been purchased for the purpose, and at what cost; and

(c) between which portions of the river Brahmaputra this ferry is going to operate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) and (b). Tenders for the ferry vessel have been received by the Ganga Brahmaputra Water Transport Board and are under technical scrutiny. The ferry will be diesel operated. The cost of the ferry will be known only after a final decision regarding the award of the contract is taken.

(c) Between Gauhati and North Gauhati.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, RADIO BEACONS, ETC.

88. SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of lighthouses, radio beacons, navigator stations and light buoys which are proposed to be established during the second Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): The second Plan envisages improvements to 50 lighthouses and construction of 50 new lighthouses and 250 other aids to navigation including 12 Radio Beacons, 8 Decca Navigator Stations and 150 Light-buoys.

OPERATION OF VICKERS-VISCOUNT AIRCRAFT

89. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) on what routes the ten Vickers-Viscount Aircraft ordered by the Indian Airlines Corporation in the year 1955 and 1956 will operate; and

(b) how far it will affect (i) the frequency on these routes and (ii) the income to the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) The Indian Airlines Corporation have not yet finalised the route pattern for Viscount operations. It has, however, been tentatively planned to operate these aircraft on the following routes:—

- (1) Delhi/Calcutta/Rangoon/Calcutta/Delhi (to begin with Delhi/Calcutta/Delhi).
- (2) Delhi/Bombay/Karachi/Bombay/Delhi.