

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: They are not being exactly imported. The Chassis are being purchased from the Ashoke Leyland Ltd., Madras, and the bodies are being built by the Hyderabad Metal Works, Hyderabad.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: What about the engines of these buses?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I presume that the engines are imported and assembled here.

SHRI LALCHAND HIRACHAND DOSHI: Are these buses under any manufacturing programme in India?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: The hon. Member is probably aware that there have been programmes for the development of road transport buses within the country.

SHRI LALCHAND HIRACHAND DOSHI: Are these buses under any manufacturing programme? It is no use giving a general answer.

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I would ask for notice for that question. I would say that they are now being assembled by Ashoke Leyland Limited, Madras.

श्री बी० बी० शर्मा : ये मोटर बसेज हिन्दुस्तान की सड़कों पर चल सकेंगी या नहीं ?

श्री हुमायूँ कबीर : ये बसेज आजकल सड़कों पर चल ही रही हैं और यही सबूत है कि वे चल सकती हैं ।

PASSAGE OF INDIAN SHIPS THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL

*190. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Indian ships are passing through the Suez Canal after the same was reopened for traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND

COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): Yes, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Before the ships passed through the Suez Canal, did we accept unconditionally the compromise formula of the Egyptian Government?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I would submit, Sir, that this hardly arises out of this question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a matter for the External Affairs Ministry.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: I want to know whether we accepted the formula with reservations or unconditionally.

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: The Indian ships are operating under the same conditions as the other ships which are now plying.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Because it was closed on account of certain events and the French ships are not plying there, were we able to take any cargo from the intermediate ports?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I would ask for notice.

MANUFACTURE OF PRECISION INSTRUMENTS BY THE INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRIES (PRIVATE) LTD., BANGALORE

*191. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Telephone Industries (Private) Ltd., Bangalore is manufacturing any precision instruments for the private sector; and

(b) if so, how many such instruments have been manufactured so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) The Indian Telephone Industries (Private) Ltd. is not

manufacturing any precision instruments.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The Director of the Indian Telephone Industries said that we are manufacturing high class precision instruments on a large scale. Is it correct?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: We are manufacturing some instruments on a large scale, but the term "precision instrument" has a precise technical connotation. This particular concern is not manufacturing any precision instrument so defined.

STOPPAGE OF MADRAS-DELHI DAY AIR SERVICE AT NAGPUR

*192. **SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:** Will the Minister for TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines Corporation had recently announced cancellation of the stoppage of Madras-Delhi air service at Nagpur.

(b) whether this decision was cancelled in a few days' time;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for making such an announcement and its immediate cancellation; and

(d) how much money was spent on advertisement in dailies first announcing such stoppage and thereafter cancelling the previous announcement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement giving reasons is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) No advertisements were given in the dailies. The proposed discontinuance of the halt at Nagpur and its subsequent cancellation were convey-

ed to the Airlines Agents by a routine circular and by means of a Press Note as is usually done and no special expenditure was incurred on this account.

STATEMENT

As Nagpur was already linked by the Delhi/Nagpur/Madras and Bombay/Nagpur/Calcutta Night Airmail services and was thus considered to be adequately connected with important cities like Delhi, Madras, Bombay and Calcutta, the Indian Airlines Corporation felt that an additional halt at Nagpur on the Delhi/Madras day service was not necessary especially when the traffic between Nagpur and Bhopal was not encouraging. Keeping in view the convenience of passengers, particularly during the summer months, it was proposed to eliminate the halt at Nagpur in the day service. However, in response to representations from the Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Nagpur and from other organisations, the Indian Airlines Corporation decided to reverse their earlier decision regarding discontinuance of the halt at Nagpur.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know whether this advertisement appeared for six days in the Madras dailies, namely first announcing the cancellation of stoppage of the service at Nagpur and again announcing cancellation of this decision?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: The Airlines Corporation said that no advertisements were given in the dailies. It is an autonomous organisation and the information they have gives us we have to accept.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know whether this advertisement has appeared in the name of the Indian Airlines Corporation in the Madras dailies?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I shall make an enquiry into it, but is the hon. Member clear that he is not referring to a Press Note?