

Deep-Sea Fishing in Kerala

*63. **Shri Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have been given training in deep-sea fishing in Kerala; and

(b) the number of motorised boats made available to trained fishermen in Kerala during the last two years?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) 585.

(b) 62.

Bangalore Airport

*64. **Shri Basappa:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Bangalore Airport needs renovation and expansion;

(b) whether airport buildings have been transferred from Defence department to the Transport and Communications Ministry; and

(c) if not, whether the Transport and Communications Ministry has corresponded with the Defence Ministry for the transfer of the airport building etc.?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): The question will be answered by the Hon'ble Defence Minister on a future date as it concerns his Ministry.

Aerodrome at Hubli-Dharwar Corporation Area

*65. **Shri Mohsin:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the necessity of an aerodrome at Hubli-Dharwar Corporation area in Mysore State:

(b) whether survey was made by Government for location of the aero-

drome near the said place; and

(c) if so, with what results?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) The construction of an aerodrome at Hubli is not considered necessary from an all-India civil aviation point of view, but it has been included by the Department of Tourism in the list of places where the construction of aerodromes is necessary from the tourist point of view. It has, however, been given a low priority in that list.

(b) and (c). A survey was made some time back and a site located between Hubli and Dharwar was considered suitable, in case it was decided to construct an aerodrome.

Bridges on National Highways

*66. { **Shri Sinhasan Singh;**
Dr. Mahadeva Prasad;

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of road bridge on the river Ghagra at Dohri and Barhalganj ghats on the National Highway;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said bridge was to be constructed in the Third Five Year Plan; and

(c) when the bridge on the Rapti River at Gorakhpur is going to be opened for traffic?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). Owing to paucity of funds it has not been possible to include the construction of a road bridge over the river Ghagra at Dohri and Garhalganj ghats in the Third Five-Year Plan. There is a ferry running at Dohri throughout the year and the construction of a pon-

toon bridge at this crossing has been provided for in the Third plan. An estimate amounting to Rs. 5.88 lakhs for the construction of pontoon bridge at this crossing is under examination in consultation with the Uttar Pradesh Public Works Department.

(c) In February 1963, sanction was accorded to an estimate amounting to Rs. 41.48 lakhs for the construction of a bridge across the Rapti river near Gorakhpur on National Highway No. 28. The work on the Rapti bridge was in progress and the superstructure of three out of nine spans had been completed by July 1961. On 16th July 1961, the Chief Engineer, Uttar Pradesh intimated that one of the spans of the Rapti bridge constructed towards the end of June, 1961 had collapsed suddenly on the morning of the 14th July 1961. The Government of Uttar Pradesh have appointed a Committee to enquire into the causes of this collapse. The Committee is still busy with its deliberations and it is difficult to say when it would be able to submit its report. This bridge was originally scheduled to have been completed by the end of December, 1962 and it would have been completed by the target date except for the collapse of one span referred to above. The revised date by which this bridge will now be opened to traffic will be decided after the work on the bridge has re-commenced.

Dial Trunk System

*67. **Shrimati Renuka Ray:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a dial trunk system to link 5 cities including New Delhi has been introduced; and

(b) if so, which are the other cities so connected?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):

(a) No.

(b) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

At present, trunk dialling system is working only between Lucknow and Kanpur.

A similar scheme between Delhi and Agra has been sanctioned and is expected to be inaugurated by June 1962. Schemes for subscriber trunk dialling for following routes have also been sanctioned:

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| (1) New Delhi | — | Kanpur |
| (2) New Delhi | — | Lucknow |
| (3) Agra | — | Kanpur |
| (4) Agra | — | Lucknow |
| (5) Kanpur | — | Varanasi |

Orders for equipment for these routes have been placed and the scheme will be introduced after the equipment is supplied and installed. The provisional target date is during 1963-64.

Indian Freighter Quarantined

*68. } Shri Liladhar Kotaki:
 { Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian freighter 9500 ton 'Indian Security' was put under quarantine for an unspecified period in Hamburg Port on her arrival there on the 31st March, 1962, on suspicion of a seaman having smallpox;

(b) whether the sister ship, Indian freighter 'Indian Resolve', was also put under quarantine a Polish Port for the same reason;

(c) whether an enquiry has been made in the matter; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications Shri Raj Bahadur: (a) 'Indian Security' was put under quarantine on the 31st March, 1962 in Hamburg