

Delhi had suggested the retention of English as the medium of instruction for higher education in science; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Information regarding proceedings of the Round Table and the suggestions made is being collected.

(b) Government's reaction can be indicated after the proceedings become available and have been considered.

REVOCATION OF EMERGENCY

519. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the question of revoking the Proclamation of emergency has been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). The matter is under review.

HALDIA PORT

520. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made towards developing Haldia as a satellite port; and

(b) the total amount spent so far by the Centre in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) :

(a) The work on the Haldia Project is progressing according to plan. About 85 per cent of the land has been acquired. The first stage excavation of the proposed Dock and Turning Basin is nearing completion. The work of dredging the dock basin and the river is in progress. The construction of the oil jetty is in progress and, according to present indications, is expected to be completed by the end of the year 1967. A contract for the construction of an impounded Dock was awarded in July 1967 and work has commenced. A contract for the supply and installation of electrical equipment has been awarded. Procurement of twelve

diesel locomotives is under way. Tenders for the purchase of two sea-going tugs have been received and orders will be placed shortly. Tenders for the manufacture of ore and coal loading plants are under scrutiny. According to present indications, the entire project is expected to be completed and the Haldia Dock brought into commission, by 1971.

(b) The total expenditure incurred by the Calcutta Port Commissioners upto September 1967 out of the loans sanctioned by the Government of India from time to time is about Rs. 8.64 crores.

I.A.C. FLEET

521. DR. RANEN SEN :
SHRI TULSIDAS DASAPPA :
SHRI R. BARUA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines Corporation has drawn up any plan to replace the obsolete and uneconomic aircraft in its fleet with modern and bigger aircraft;

(b) if so, the main details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of the plan; and

(d) whether Government have approved the plan ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). The I.A.C. has plans to replace the Dakota aircraft by HS-748. An agreement has accordingly been entered into by I.A.C. with Hindustan Aircraft Ltd. under which fourteen HS-748 aircraft will be delivered by the latter by March, 1960. The first HS-748 was delivered in July, 1967 and another will be delivered before the end of this year.

(c) Rs. 14.24 crores.

(d) Yes, Sir.

STAGNATION IN THE CADRE OF ASSISTANTS IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

522. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :