

Construction Work at Visakhapatnam Outer Harbour

*750. SHRI B. S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on Visakhapatnam outer harbour has been started;

(b) the agency which has undertaken the construction;

(c) the extent of foreign collaboration involved; and

(d) the stages in which the work is to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes.

(b) The work relating to the construction of the outer harbour has not been entrusted to any single agency. The work consists of several items of work such as the construction of the breakwaters, quarrying of stones, procurement of construction equipment, dredging, construction of iron ore berth, installation of mechanical ore loading plant etc. Contracts for supply of construction equipment have been awarded to different firms. The main contract for the quarrying of stone, preparation of blocks and construction of the breakwaters was awarded in May, 1971. Some items of work such as dredging will be taken up in due course.

(c) No foreign collaboration is involved in the execution of the project. An agreement for project aid amounting to Rs. 5.25 crores for the Visakhapatnam Outer Harbour Project and the Bailadilla mining project taken together has been entered into with the Government of Japan to cover the cost of import of essential equipment needed for the two projects.

(d) The work relating to the construction of the outer harbour is being executed according to a coordinated programme with a view to ensure its completion and commissioning by May, 1974.

बुरहानपुर की 'बीबी की मस्जिद' की जीर्ण अवस्था

3098. श्री गंगाधरन दीक्षित : क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की

कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के पूर्व निमाड़ जिले के बुरहानपुर नगर में स्थित 'बीबी की मस्जिद' की अवस्था जीर्ण होनी जा रही है; और

(ख) क्या इसके कार्यों का पता लगाने के लिये कोई अध्ययन किया गया है, और यदि हां, तो इसे जीर्ण होने से बचाने के लिये क्या कार्य-वाही की गई है ?

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्रालय तथा संस्कृति विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री डी०पी० यादव): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Seizure of Pakistani Currency at Delhi

3099. SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistani currency amounting to Rs. 1,26,000/- had been seized at Delhi Airport on the 2nd June, 1971 from a woman passenger going to Kabul via Ariana International Airways; and

(b) whether the investigation in the matter has since been completed and if so, the result of the investigation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K.R. GANESH): (a) and (b) On 2nd June, 1971, Pak currency worth Rs. 1,26,000/- was seized from a lady passenger at Palam Airport. She was to fly to Kabul by Ariana flight. The lady was arrested and subsequently released on bail. Investigations are not yet complete.

मध्य प्रदेश में किसानों को ऋण दिया जाना

3100. श्री गंगाधरन दीक्षित : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में छोटे स्तर के किसानों की दोष अवधि तथा बड़े स्तर के किसानों