

Ganga Project. The total amount provided in the second Five Year Plan is Rs. 179 lakhs. I gave a wrong figure by mistake.

"Teller System" in G.P.O., New Delhi

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 *1715. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:

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

(a) whether experiment of teller system of working in the Post Office Savings Bank introduced in New Delhi G.P.O. is going to be tried in other big towns in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the scheme for the next two years?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) Yes, if the system proves popular.

(b) The programme will be drawn up only after the result of the experiment is known.

Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: May I know if the experiment in New Delhi has been successful?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: It is being watched; I cannot say whether it is successful or not.

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: May I know by what time the hon. Minister wants that this thing should be introduced all over India in all the towns?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: When the experiment proves successful, we will think of other towns.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether it will involve any duplication of workers and if so, what extra expenditure is likely to be incurred?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: That has not been worked out yet. It is now being done by the staff in the post office itself.

Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: May I know for how long the experiment will go on before reaching a decision?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: I cannot say definitely.

Shri Bhakt Darshan: Will the hon. Minister throw some light as to what is exactly this teller system?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: I am myself very ignorant as to what this teller system is. But what I have been told by the authorities is that it is a system by which the work could be less and the savings bank can be operated a little more easily.

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Up till now from the experience gained by the department, what is the prospect?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: As I said, we will have to wait and watch.

Civil Pilots for African Countries

*1716. Shri Braj Raj Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand for civil pilots was received by Government from certain African countries for utilising their services in their respective countries;

(b) if so, from which countries and what was the number of the civil pilots demanded by each country separately;

(c) whether the demand has been considered; and

(d) if so, with what result?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohluddin): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Embassy of United Arab Republic in India had asked for the services of six Captains and six Co-Pilots for Viscount planes of the Mair Airlines.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Embassy of the U.A.R. have been informed that Indian Viscount pilots and co-pilots with requisite Flying experience are available. We are awaiting their reply before we call for volunteers.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: May I know whether the recruitment of pilots to be sent to UAR would be made out of the people who are unemployed in the country?

Shri Mohiuddin: These are pilots for Viscounts. I am emphasising the word Viscounts, because unemployed pilots are not even pilots for Dakotas.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: Last time, in reply to my query with regard to employment of civilian pilots, the hon. Minister said that he had written to the Defence Ministry for employing these pilots in the IAF. May I know whether the reply of the Defence Ministry has been received and if so, are they prepared to employ these pilots in the IAF?

Shri Mohiuddin: Unemployed pilots have nothing to do with this question.

Mr. Speaker: This is a different subject altogether.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if we have got surplus Viscount pilots, because we are sending away six?

Shri Mohiuddin: We will try to help a friendly country. I cannot say that that we are surplus, but still we are training more and more pilots.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know how many are under training for flying Viscounts?

Shri Mohiuddin: It is a continuous process; I cannot say how many are trained.

Shri M. R. Krishna: May I know whether any request has been received from countries which are purchasing the aircraft manufactured in our country for pilots?

Shri Mohiuddin: Misr Airlines had sent us a request.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: From the time when the Minister gave answers to my queries last time, may I know whether any more civilian pilots have been employed in India?

Shri Mohiuddin: I have no knowledge, about it, because this is not connected with this question.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: Is it a fact that there are a large number of surplus unemployed pilots in India and it takes only seven days to train pilot for flying a Viscount and if so, may I know whether any facility will be offered by the IAC to give short-term training to these pilots for flying Viscounts?

Shri Mohiuddin: If necessary, it will be considered.

Diesel Locos from Germany

*1719. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways have contracted with a West German firm for procuring seven diesel locomotives;

(b) if so, at what cost; and

(c) whether the supply has already commenced?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of the seven diesel locomotives delivered F.O.B. Port of shipment is about Rs. 31.68 lakhs.

(c) Yes.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether these locomotives have been fitted with the new Suri system of transmission and if so, whether the German firm has paid any royalty to the inventor of this system?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The very intention of placing the order on this firm was to have Suri transmission fitted to these locomotives. One of these has already been received and the others will be received during the course of the next three or four months. They will all be fitted with Suri transmission. We will try to see how it works in actual practice before introducing it in other locomotives.