

(ii) to suggest measures for the improvement of the existing scheme;

(iii) to consider requests for grants from voluntary institutions for assistance for leprosy work and to make recommendations to Government; and

(iv) if the Committee felt it necessary, its Members could go and inspect the institutions and organisations connected with leprosy work and make a report about their working.

#### Transport Development Council

567. { Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri P. G. Deb:

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

(a) whether a session of the Transport Development Council was held in October this year;

(b) if so, what subjects were discussed; and

(c) what observations and recommendations were made by the Council in that meeting?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). A copy of the agenda for the meeting and a statement giving the information required is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 66].

#### Photos of Catering Contractors at the Stalls

568. Shri V. Eacharan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a condition in the licence issued to the private catering contractors to place their 'photos' in the dining hall and other places in the railway buildings; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Air strip at Konarak

569. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have sanctioned the construction of an air strip at Konarak in Orissa in order to encourage tourism;

(b) what is the amount of money sanctioned for this; and

(c) when the construction is proposed to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) A suitable site for the purpose is being selected. An estimate will then be prepared after a proper survey of the area.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Telephone Industries, Bangalore

570. Shri Agadi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for expanding the capacity of the Telephone Industries, Bangalore has been accepted;

(b) if so, what would be the production capacity when expanded and the estimated investment for the proposed expansion scheme; and

(c) whether any fresh capital is required to be invested towards the expansion scheme or the Industry is in a position to invest from its own resources?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production capacity of the Indian Telephone Industries Limited at the beginning of the Third Five-