

(b) how many of them have been completed in the first year of the Third Plan; and

(c) whether Government have devised any means to accelerate the speed for execution of these schemes in order to complete them in the stipulated period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri O. V. Alagesan): (a). No flood control scheme of Gujarat State has been approved for Central Loan assistance for the Third Five Year Plan. The schemes received lacked full particulars and were returned to the State Government for furnishing the required details.

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

Road Mileage According to Nagpur Plan

3591. Shri Jashvant Mehta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States in India which have completed the road-mileage according to the Nagpur Plan;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to assist backward States to fulfil their assignments;

(c) whether any assistance was offered to them to complete their targets; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 77].

Air Service to Distt. Cachar

3592. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the district of Cachar becomes

isolated in monsoon as the planes cannot land there; and

(b) whether Government proposed to introduce better type of planes on Calcutta-Cachar-Imphal route so as to enable landing even in bad weather?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications

(Shri Mohiuddin): (a) The Indian Airlines Corporation have reported that the number of services scheduled during the year 1961-62 on the route Calcutta|Agartala|Silchar|Imphal were 746 and out of these 697 were completed uninterrupted thus achieving regularity percentage of 93.4.

(b) The Corporation's present fleet of five Friendship aircraft is based at Calcutta. These aircraft are already fully committed and it is not possible to operate them through Silchar.

Co-Operative Sector in Shipping Industry

3593. Shri M. K. Kumaran: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Union of Sea-farers of India has submitted to Government a proposal for the introduction of a co-operative sector in the shipping industry;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) whether Government have considered it and the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications

(Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The Union have written to Government urging them to give due consideration to a scheme, the tentative outline of which has been submitted to Government by M/s Harsha Tankers and Shipping Agency, Bombay, regarding the introduction of a co-operative sector in Indian shipping. A perusal of the outline of the scheme indicates that a co-operative sector is to be developed in the