

from pilgrims, as they are basically interested in the architecture and sculpture of the temples, most of which can be viewed from the outside.

Subsidized-Air Routes of the I.A.C.

10430. SHRI S. A. AGADI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any subsidized Air Routes of the Indian Airlines Corporation ; and

(b) if so, the details of the routes and the amounts subsidized by the respective sources from 1964-65 to 1967-68, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1302/68].

Recovery of Bomb Like Object in Allahabad

10431. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a bomb like object was recovered by the Police from near the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan at Allahabad on the 19th April, 1968 ;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c). It is reported by U. P. Government that three bomb like objects were recovered from the compound in the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan at Allahabad on 19.4.1968 on the report of a servant of the Sammelan.

The Government of U. P. have instituted an enquiry into the matter. The enquiry is in progress.

Tuticorin Port Project

10433. SHRI S. XAVIER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) when the Tuticorin Harbour Project is scheduled to be completed ;

(b) the details of annual financial allocation for this project ; and

(c) whether the work is progressing according to the schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) to (c). The construction of a major port at Tuticorin at an estimated cost of Rs. 24.40 crores was approved in December 1967, the provision of funds for the project being made on a year to year basis in the light of the resources position at the time of formulation of the annual plan for each year. It is, therefore, difficult to indicate, at present, the funds that will be made available for the project annually or to lay down a phased schedule for its implementation and completion.

Even before the project was approved formally, preliminary works and off-shore works viz., construction of North and South Breakwaters had been taken up and the net expenditure incurred on the project upto the end of 1967-68 was about Rs. 5.81 crores. An amount of Rs. 100 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimates for 1968-69 for the execution of essential marine works.

Development of Dahej as a Major Port

10434. SHRI M. B. RANA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to develop Dahej in Broach District as major Port ; and

(b) if so, the progress made in that direction so far ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New Shipping Companies

10435. SHRI JUGAL MONDAL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of new Shipping Companies started during the last three years ; and

(b) the extent of foreign participation in the capital of those companies ?