

DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI : I do not know what site he has got in view but as far as facilities in Mysore State are concerned, there is going to be a youth hostel at Hampi, which is a place of tourist interest. Moreover, as the hon. Member knows, there is a tourist bungalow at Hasan and also one at Bijapur. The new Ashoka Hotel has recently been started in Bangalore. I hope, the hon. Member is fully aware of that.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : The Ministry cannot provide inexpensive hotel accommodation in several parts specially of Mysore State and other southern parts of the country to attract more tourists. Take, for example, even Tekri, where there is delay in the construction because acquisition proceedings have been delayed.

DR. SAROJINI MAHISHI : The youth hostel at Hampi is aimed at giving good accommodation at cheaper rates to the travelling people within the country. As the hon. Member knows, the State Government has to acquire land and hand it over to the Department of Tourism or the ITDC for construction. Sometimes, delay is there on the part of the State Governments. Matters are being expedited.

#### Development of Minor Ports in Tamil Nadu

\*287. SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the main features of the schemes approved by the Centre for the development of minor ports in Tamil Nadu during the Fourth Plan ;

(b) the estimated cost thereof ; and

(c) the nature and extent of Central Assistance to be provided to the State for the implementation of the schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Cuddalore Port in Tamil Nadu is being developed as a Centrally Sponsored scheme under the Fourth Five Year Plan. The works comprise

river training works, construction of an RCC jetty and breakwaters and dredging.

(b) Rs. 89 lakhs during the Fourth Plan period.

(c) The entire approved cost of Rs. 89 lakhs will be given as loan to the State Government.

SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU : I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there were any other proposals put fourth by the Madras Government for inclusion in the Centrally-sponsored schemes and, if so, what are the details

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : The National Development Council as far back as in September, 1968, decided that in order to achieve certain tangible results and tangible progress, we should concentrate on a fewer number of schemes so that they may be adequate for handling traffic that might itself there. Since in Cuddalore, we expect about 5 lakh tonnes of iron ore from Bellary, 1 lakh tonnes of coal and 50,000 tonnes of other miscellaneous cargo, on this basis, the efforts are being concentrated on Cuddalore in preference to others.

SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU : May I know whether the Government will consider inclusion of Nagapatnam port which is one of the important ports in Tamil Nadu embarking thousands of passengers every month in the scheme.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : There are claims and counter-claims in regard to minor ports and intermediate ports. Minor ports or essentially the responsibility of the State Governments. As regards intermediate ports, we do participate in the approved schemes for their development. I think, as I stated earlier, according to the decision of the National Development Council itself, we want to concentrate on a few number of ports, a fewer number of schemes, in order to get tangible results.

#### Shares bought by Life Insurance Corporation

\*289. SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of shares bought by Life