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Minor Ports in Kerala

*1661. **Shri E. K. Nayanar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1569 on the 6th June 1967 regarding Minor Ports in Kerala and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount required for the development of minor ports in Kerala was not provided for during the first Three Plans with the result that the ports could not be fully developed;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is an immense scope and necessity for the development of minor ports in Kerala both from the economic and commercial points of view; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to develop these ports and the amount allotted or proposed to be allotted for the purpose during the Fourth Plan?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) The executive responsibility for the development of ports other than major ports rests with the State Governments concerned. In the first three Five Year Plans Rs. 27.95 lakhs, Rs. 46.66 lakhs and Rs. 180.65 lakhs respectively were allocated for the development of minor ports in Kerala based on an assessment of the actual requirements. The Centre provided loan assistance of Rs. 2.16 lakhs, Rs. 7.85 lakhs and Rs. 70.44 lakhs respectively in the first three Plan periods for the implementation of various Plan schemes, based on the expenditure incurred by the State Government. The targets of development during the successive plan periods could not be realised due to the inability of the State Government to implement the schemes in full.

(b) Government recognise that there is considerable scope for the development of minor ports in Kerala and

that they play a vital role in the economy and commerce of the State.

(c) The State Govt. have recently indicated that they propose to obtain the services of a specialist for drawing up a Master Plan for the development of their minor ports. This proposal is being examined.

An amount of Rs. 185.21 lakhs has been tentatively included in the draft outline of the Fourth Five Year Plan for the development of minor ports in Kerala. The State Govt. have reported that they have not yet finalised their 4th Plan schemes.

Strike Notice by I.A.C. Pilots

*1662. **Shri Marandi:**

Shri Ramavtar Sharma:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri:
Shri Atam Das:
Shri Virendrakumar Shah:
Shri George Fernandes:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
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Shri Srinibas Misra:
Shri O. P. Tyagi:
Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:
Shri Y. S. Kushwah:
Dr. Surya Prakash Puri:
Shri M. Meghachandra:
Shri K. M. Madhukar:
Shri Chandra Shekhar Singh:
Shri Shri Chand Goyal:
Shri S. S. Kothari:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai:
Shri Beni Shanker Sharma:
Shri J. B. Singh:
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the I.A.C. Pilots have served a strike notice on the Indian Airlines Corporation;

(b) if so, the main demands of these pilots; and

(c) the steps taken to avoid the strike?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) Yes,