

why and what is the Government going to do about it?

SHRI R. PRABHU. I do not agree with the hon. Member that there is no coordination. I would like to clarify that there is no shortage of any type of fertilizer as of today. There is excess stock of nitrogenous fertilizer, phosphatic fertilizer stock has been reduced because of the regulated import of phosphoric acid last year.

DR. PRABHAT KUMAR MISHRA: Is it a fact that there are so many fertilizer plants still lying incomplete in our country and we are importing urea from outside? In my constituency, Korba Rs.320 crores has been spent and no action has been taken for the last eight years. We are importing urea whereas we have got the capacity to produce urea in our country.

Next thing I want to know is, about the fertilizer lying in the market, what would be the quality of those fertilizers for the next year to be distributed to the farmers? Will it be depreciated.

SHRI R. PRABHU. As far as the hon. Member's constituency Korba is concerned, there was a proposal to set up a coal based fertilizers plant. But coal based fertilizer technology has been tried in this country in Andhra Pradesh, in Ramagundam, and Talcher. We are finding lot of problems in this technology. That is why the plant has not been completed and we have to take a decision whether to go ahead with this plant or not whether coal technology will really work or not.

As far as the depreciation in the nutrient value of the fertilizer which is stocked is concerned, it is true that there will be depreciation of the nutrient value. That is why we have instructed the companies to turn round the stocks, that is, to sell the stock that is already in stock and then replace it with the material that they produce.

SHRI ANANDA GAJAPATHI RAJU: The Government has been stating that

they are for the small and marginal farmers. But yet they come out with the theme all the time that they are going to rationalise subsidies in the fertilizer industry. I would like to know from the hon. Minister in what way can they rationalise subsidies in the fertilizer industry and at the same time see that the small and marginal farmer gets the nutrients at a proper price and by a proper distribution system? Secondly, whether the freight equalisation scheme which is presently running, will be scrapped to the detriment of the small and marginal farmers.

SHRI R. PRABHU: We supply fertiliser to the small and marginal farmers. We assure that fertiliser is always available in this country at reasonable prices. In fact, the price level of fertiliser today is the same as it was in 1981. So small and marginal farmers are always taken care of by this Government. As far as scrapping of freight equalisation scheme is concerned, there is no proposal to do so as of now.

Expansion of Vayudoot Services

*84. SHRI SRIBALLAV
PANIGRAHI
PROF. P.J. KURIEN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the places in the country brought under Vayudoot map as on 31 December, 1987;

(b) whether Government propose to expand Vayudoot network during 1988; and

(c) if so, the number of additional stations proposed to be airlinked by Vayudoot during the year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) (a) to (c) A statement is given below:

STATEMENT

(a) A list of 85 stations airlinked by Vayudoot upto 31st December, 1987 is given below:

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability of operations, Vayudoot has plans to airlink the following stations during the financial year 1988-89:

(i) Bilaspur	Madhya Pradesh
(ii) Jagdalpur	Pradesh
(iii) Gaya	Bihar
(iv) Dhanbad	
(v) Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir
(vi) Rajouri	
(vii) Rupsi	Assam
(viii) Calicut	Kerala
(ix) Agatti	Lakshadweep

List of 85 Stations on Vayudoot Network

1. Delhi		U.T. of Delhi
2. Agra	}	Uttar Pradesh
3. Allahabad		
4. Dehradun		
5. Gorakhpur		
6. Kanpur		
7. Lucknow		
8. Pantnagar		
9. Rae Bareilly		
10. Varanasi		
11. Amritsar	}	Punjab
12. Ludhiana		
13. Bhatinda		
14. Chandigarh		U.T. of Chandigarh
15. Bhopal	}	Madhya Pradesh
16. Guna		
17. Gwalior		
18. Indore		
19. Hissar		Haryana
20. Bikaner	}	Rajasthan
21. Jaipur		
22. Jaisalmer		
23. Jodhpur		
24. Kota		
25. Kulu	}	Himachal Pradesh
26. Shimla		
27. Agartala	}	Tripura
28. Kailashahar		
29. Kamalpur		
30. Aizawl		Mizoram
31. Along	}	Arunachal Pradesh
32. Daparizo		
33. Passighat		
34. Tezu		
35. Zero		

36.	Bhubaneshwar	}	Orissa
37.	Jeypore		
38.	Rourkela		
39.	Calcutta	}	West Bengal
40.	Balurghat		
41.	Cooch Behar		
42.	Malda		
43.	Dibrugarh	}	Assam
44.	Jorhat		
46.	Lilabari		
47.	Silchar		
48.	Imphal		Manipur
49.	Jamshedpur	}	Bihar
50.	Patna		
51.	Ranchi		
52.	Dimapur		Nagaland
53.	Shillong		Meghalaya
54.	Hyderabad	}	Andhra Pradesh
55.	Cuddapah		
56.	Rajahmundry		
57.	Ramagundam		
58.	Tirupati		
59.	Visakhapatnam		
60.	Vijayawada		
61.	Bangalore	}	Karnataka
62.	Bellary		
63.	Mysore		
64.	Coimbatore	}	Tamil Nadu
65.	Madurai		
66.	Madras		
67.	Thanjavur		
68.	Neyveli		
69.	Cochin		Kerala
70.	Goa	}	Goa
71.	Daman		
72.	Bombay	}	Maharashtra
73.	Aurangabad		
74.	Nanded		
75.	Pune		
76.	Ratnagiri		
77.	Sholapur		
78.	Nagpur		

79.	Ahmedabad	}
80.	Bhavnagar	
81.	Kandla	
82.	Porbandar	
83.	Keshod	
84.	Surat	
85.	Rajkot	

Gujarat

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: The hon. Minister Incharge of Civil Aviation is new in this Ministry. Since he is new, I do not want him to repeat the traditional replies given earlier. He should also have new approach...

MR. SPEAKER: You do not like him?

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: I like him very much. I welcome him even to the Union Cabinet and to this portfolio

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Do I take it that he did not like me?

Mr. Speaker: He is a very nice person

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is true that Vayudoot, which is serving a useful purpose, is not expanding. Why is it not executing its expansion programme as per schedule? For instance, some places which were included in this expansion programme in the year 1986-87 are yet to be airlinked. Why is that so?

SHRI MOTILAL VORA: The Vayudoot expansion programme has already been mentioned. And 85 stations have been airlinked by Vayudoot by 31 December, 1987. The list is here. In the year 1988-89, the Vayudoot services are to be extended to nine places in Seven States. They are Bilaspur, Jagdalpur in Madhya Pradesh. Gaya and Dhanbad in Bihar. Jammu & Rajouri in Jammu & Kashmir, Rupsi in Assam, Calicut in Kerala and Agatti in Lakshadweep.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: My specific question was that some places which were included to be airlinked by Vayudoot in 1986-87 have not been airlinked as yet

For instance, Jharsuguda in Orissa. I had a reply from the hon. Minister at that time that Jharsuguda would be airlinked during that year. But it is yet to be airlinked. Further, in the nine places which have been mentioned by the hon. Minister for its expansion during 1988-89, that does not find place, much less in 1986-87. Why is this discrimination? I would like to know categorically whether it would be airlinked as early as possible during this year positively.

SHRI MOTILAL VORA: I have already mentioned that by the end of Seven Five Year Plan we have got a programme to airlink 40 stations. If the hon. Member desires I may read out the total stations to be included.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: My anxiety is that I have mentioned a particular place which was mentioned to be airlinked in 1986-87. It has not yet been done. Will he give it preference?

SHRI MOTILAL VORA: As the hon. Member has said very categorically about Jharsuguda to be included we will definitely make all efforts to include Jharsuguda

[Translation]

SHRI DAMODAR PANDEY: The hon. Minister inaugurated Vayudoot Service to Bilaspur recently. After that when we planned to visit it, we were told by the Vayudoot authorities that there was no such facility. Vayudoot service was not available even after its inauguration. I returned from Dhanbad only yesterday. We have been informed that Dhanbad would be air-linked by Vayudoot service. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the same thing will happen in

Dhanbad too? Will he go and just inaugurate the Service but there will be no Vayudoot aircraft available thereafter? Will the authorities spend some amount of money to construct an airport in Dhanbad? Inauguration of Vayudoot service to Dhanbad has been postponed at least five times earlier and it was done again yesterday. I want to know from the hon. Minister how many days will it take to start Vayudoot service to Dhanbad? When will the aircraft be available for Bilaspur, which has already been inaugurated and where both the former and the present Minister have paid a visit?

SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member has desired to know about Bilaspur. The Bilaspur service, which was started earlier, will again be made available around 15th of March.

SHRI DAMODAR PANDEY. And what about Dhanbad?

SHRI MOTILAL VORA: That will be introduced in March.

[*English*]

SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER. Sir, is the hon. Minister aware that there are a number of tourist centres in Karnataka, particularly, Belur and Halebid?

AN HON. MEMBER: Bijapur also.

SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER: Of course, all the places. I am giving the examples. So, will the Minister take steps to see that Belur and Halebid in particular, come on the Vayudoot map during the next academic year? I would like the Minister to see these places himself because he is new to this Ministry. You have seen these places, Sir, let him also see. So, I would like to know from the Minister when will it be implemented.

MR. SPEAKER: The question regarding Vayudoot is that everybody likes to have it in his own constituency. So, assure them that they will all get it. That is the only question they can put.

SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Sir, I can only say that this all depends on the availability of the aircrafts.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: They all will say the same thing.

[*English*]

They all make one thing. That is all.

Dr. Krupasindhu Bhoi: My question is very important, Sir.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow you, if you have something new to say.

[*English*]

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: It will be helpful to the Minister also. Sir, the previous Minister, Mr Jagdish Tytler had assured on the floor of the House that in the 1987-88 schedule, Jharsugda will be connected by Vayudoot... (*Interruption*).

MR. SPEAKER: Same thing. You write it to him. Everybody wants it. So, there is no question. You all write to him and as soon as he gets the aircrafts, he will try to connect all. I can put that question on behalf of the whole House.

Misuse of Multi-Purpose Fishing Trawlers for Shrimp Fishing

*85. SHRI T. BALA GOUD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fall in marine shrimp production Government propose to take appropriate action against the multi-purpose trawler owners for misuse of their licences of import; and

(b) if not, the reasons for not taking action so far?