

to be reviewed in case it is found necessary to increase the capacity of road transport further to meet transport bottlenecks.

(c) There is no overall deficiency of vehicles at present. But it is felt that if vehicles of higher pay loads, say 20 tons, can be used, the cost of transport can be brought down. Such vehicles are not manufactured in the country now. The existing roads will also have to be upgraded before such vehicles can be plied.

(d) No firm figures are currently available for the employment potential of road transport. However, a survey carried out by the National Council of Applied Economic Research in 1957-58 indicated that total number of persons who found employment in the industry was about 2.4 millions.

Hindustan Shipyards

*735. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Shipyards has recently built a new cargo vessel, the "Visva Mangal";

(b) if so, at what cost; and

(c) what are the salient features of this vessel?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The cargo vessel "Visva Mangal", ordered by the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., is still under construction at the Hindustan Shipyards. She is expected to be completed and delivered in May, 1963. The vessel was launched on the 17th August, 1962.

(b) The actual cost of the vessel is expected to be finalised by the end of 1963, when the guarantee period will expire. The estimated cost is about Rs. 190 lakhs.

(c) The vessel is a convertible open closed shelter decker type, cargo vessel of about 12,300 D.W.T., with 17.2 knots speed. She has 5,000 cu. ft. of refrigerated cargo capacity and

is fitted with deep tanks for the carriage of edible oil. Alternating current, electric equipment of the latest design is provided for all domestic services and deck and other auxiliaries.

Production of Edible Groundnut Flour

*736. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi: .

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of edible groundnut flour with the help of UNICEF has started;

(b) if so, what portion is being utilised for the manufacture of multi-purpose food and to enrich Atta;

(c) whether the effect of multi-purpose food which is supposed to be used for lunch for school children has been tested; and

(d) if so, what is the effect on the children?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No. Arrangements for the trial running of the plant in Bombay are in progress.

(b) This will depend upon the nature of demand from different sources; but in the initial stages the pattern may be 50:50.

(c) Yes.

(d) Reports indicate that there is a general improvement in the health of the children in terms of increase in height, weight, red blood count and haemoglobin.

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७३७. श्री विभक्ति मिश्र : क्या रेलवे मंत्री २१ अप्रैल, १९६२ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ४८ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बातों की कृपा करेंगे कि विदेशी बाजारों में