

(c) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) The Tuticorin Port project is progressing satisfactorily.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Stagnation in Agricultural Production

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 Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:
 Shri Maniyangadam:
 Shri N. R. Laskar:
 Shri Dinan Bhattacharya:
 Shri Warrior:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shri M. N. Swamy:
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
 Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
 Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
 Shri Inder J. Malhotra:
 Shri A. K. Gopalan:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri P. E. Patel:
 Shri Bade:
 Shri Hem Raj:

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

(a) the recommendations made by the Central teams which visited different States to enquire into the causes of stagnation in agricultural production; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) A statement summing up the important recommendations of the Central Teams which visited different States is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, see No. LT-1369/63].

(b) The more important recommendations of the Central Teams, on which action could be taken by the State Governments during the current kharif season itself, were communicated to them in the months of May

and June for their consideration and implementation. The full reports of the Central Teams have been sent to the Chief Secretaries of the State Government during July, 1963. It has been suggested to the State Governments that these reports be considered by their Administrative Co-ordination Committees at the Cabinet and Secretariat levels and urgent action taken on them.

Special Road Transport Organisation for Assam

*15. **Shri Subodh Hansda:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special Road Transport Organisation for supply of essential commodities to Assam has started functioning;

(b) whether it has been able to place on road a fleet of 100 trucks for this purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes. The Organisation started functioning with effect from the 23rd November, 1962.

(b) Orders have been placed for 100 vehicles. The organisation has, however, acquired only 69 trucks so far. Ten of these are being exclusively utilised in road construction work in Bihar and the remaining 59 are engaged in movements in Assam.

(c) Since it was considered desirable to fit the remaining 31 chassis with some additional equipment and this additional equipment was not readily available, there has been some delay in putting them on the road. It has, however, been decided to acquire vehicles immediately without the equipment and necessary instructions have already been issued to the suppliers.