

विवाद के बारे में निर्णय कर लिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत जनवरी में बम्बई में पीठासीन पदाधिकारियों के सम्मेलन में जो संकल्प पारित किये गये थे उन पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

बिधि मंत्री (श्री श्री. कुं. सेन) :

(क) नहीं। सरकार केशव सिंह की रिट याचिका पर अंतिम विनिश्चय की प्रतीक्षा कर रही है। पता चला है कि केशव सिंह ने उत्तर प्रदेश विधान सभा द्वारा उस पर अधिरोपित दण्ड की पुष्टि करने वाले उस उच्च न्यायालय के विनिश्चय के विरुद्ध उच्चतम न्यायालय को अपील करने की इजाजत के बास्ते प्रमाणपत्र के लिए इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय से आवेदन किया है।

(ख) इस मामले में विनिश्चय करते समय, सरकार पीठासीन आफिसरों के सम्मेलन में पारित संकल्प पर, निःसन्देह सम्यकरूप से विचार करेगी। ✓

Madras Harbour Explosion

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 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Pottakkatt:
 Shri A. V. Raghavan:
 Shri Kappen:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
 Dr. P. Srinivasan:
 Shri Hukam Chand
 Kachhavalaya:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an explosion took place in the Madras Harbour on the 3rd June, 1965;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured;

(c) whether an inquiry has been conducted into the incident; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of persons killed : 3
 Number of persons injured : 27

(c) and (d). An enquiry into the accident has been conducted by the Inspector of Explosives, Southern Range and the Commissioner of Police, Madras. Their report is awaited.

Self-Sufficiency in Food

*44. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while in Australia, he made a statement that India will be self-sufficient in food in ten or fifteen years;

(b) what is the basis for such a statement;

(c) whether Government have reviewed the matter; and

(d) if so, the conclusions arrived at?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a to (d). In my statement in Australia, I said that my attempt was to see that self-sufficiency in cereals is attained within the next five years. I am assured by the Scientists that this is a possibility and it could be achieved provided we proceed in the right way.

In view of the crucial importance of increased agricultural production in the national economy the programmes of agricultural development are proposed to be given very high priority. This matter is under constant review.

As for the broad approach to be adopted under the Fourth Five Year Plan it has been laid down that agricultural programmes will be formulated in terms of (i) a systematic effort to extend the application of science and technology, (ii) creation of a more favourable economic environ-