

(b) The Committee will advise Government on:

- (1) Formulation of a coordinated policy for research in Nature-cure throughout the country.
- (2) Steps to be taken for the stimulation of such research; and
- (3) Allocation of Central assistance to institutions carrying on research in nature cure

(c) The first meeting of the Committee was held on the 9th May, 1962.

Narmada Valley Development Scheme

***817. Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the note prepared by the Government of Gujerat on the multipurpose development of the Narmada Valley has since been examined by technical experts;

(b) if so, what is the expert opinion on that; and

(c) what future action is proposed by the Government of India?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The note prepared by the Government of Gujerat on the multi-purpose development of the Narmada Valley is still under examination of the Central Water and Power Commission.

(c) The Government are having under consideration the setting up of a suitable Central Organisation for the development of the Narmada Valley. It has been decided to appoint an Officer on Special Duty to work out details and submit a report to Government.

Fishery Training Centre Cochin

***818.** { **Shri Warior:**
 { **Shri Vasudevan Nair:**

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

(a) whether Government have placed firm orders for the necessary machinery and other equipments for the fishery training centre to be started at Cochin; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Inland Water Transport

***819. Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the yearly average volume of trade carried on the rivers Ganges, Gharga and Rapti;

(b) whether the possibility of easing the coal transport difficulties in the area served by these rivers has been examined; and

(c) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The required information has been called for from the State Governments concerned and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is received.

Ratnagiri Port

***820. Shri Nath Pai:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare Ratnagiri Port as an all weather port; and

(b) if so, when?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b) Ratnagiri is an intermediate port. Passenger steamer services from Bombay call at Ratnagiri during the fair weather season from September to May. The Intermediate Ports Development Committee has recommended the development of Ratnagiri Port so