

make, are not available in India due to recent cuts in imports;

(b) whether Government are aware that this will have an adverse effect on our food production; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to mitigate the hardships thus caused to farmers?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No.

(b) The present Import Policy regarding tractor spare parts is not likely to have an adverse effect on food production.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Second Shipyard

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 Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Keshava:
 Shri Mohamed Imam:
 Shri Kodiyam:
 Shri Subodh Hasda:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the advance team of the Technical Mission on the site of the second shipyard is available to Government;

(b) if so, whether the report will be placed on the Table;

(c) whether the main mission was scheduled to come to India in September but has postponed the visit;

(d) the reasons for such postponement; and

(e) what steps are being taken to avoid delay in reaching decisions regarding the second yard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No report was expected from the advance party. The purpose of that party's visit was only to make a preliminary survey of the possible sites and collect data for study by the full mission.

(c) and (d). September was only a rough indication of the date by which the Full Mission was expected to come to India. The firm date, which was intimated later, was November and the Mission has since arrived in India and is doing its work.

(e) The decisions regarding the establishment of the second Shipyard can only be taken after the Government have received and studied the report of the Shipyard Mission. It may be added that this project is scheduled to be taken up in the Third Plan Period.

Dum Dum Air Port

*304. **Shri Biren Roy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the runways at the Dum Dum Airport have not yet been lengthened to the required International Civil Aviation Organisation size and specifications to take up regular long distance heavy jet-plane such as Boeing, DC-8 or TU-110 that will be operating on regular flying routes in the World by 1960; and

(b) when do Government contemplate to take up the work of construction of modern and bigger air-passenger and cargo terminal at Dum Dum?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir. The question whether the Dum Dum Airport should also be developed by 1960 to provide for Jet operations is still under consideration.

(b) In view of the heavy capital outlay involved, it is proposed to carry out the work in stages and it is expected that beginning will be made at a fairly early date.

Gram Sevak

*305. **Dr. Y. S. Parmar:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system of control on the activities of Gram