

scheme for the reclamation of the Sunderbans areas in West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are his main suggestions; and

(c) whether Planning Commission has now approved it?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (c). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 56].

Layout Plan of Kotla Mubarakpur (Delhi)

*948. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Sarju Pandey:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1178 on the 12th March, 1959 and state the progress made so far in finalizing the layout plan of Kotla Mubarakpur (Delhi)?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No 57]

Construction of Ships at Hindustan Shipyard

*949. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 752 on the 27th February 1959 and state:

(a) whether formal agreement for construction of cargo ships has been entered into by Hindustan Shipyard with M/s Lubecker Flenderwerke, West Germany; and

(a) if so, the main terms of the agreement?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A formal agreement is under negotiation and expected to be finalised soon. As soon as the agreement is signed,

a copy will be placed on the Table of the House.

Refrigerated Vans on Railways

*950. { Shri Narayanankutty Memon:
Shri Punnoose:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce refrigerated vans for the transport of perishables on Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). There are no refrigerated vans on the Indian Railways. The Ministry of Food and Agriculture have, however, a Proposal for procurement of six Broad Gauge Refrigerated Vans for transport of fish as an experimental measure under T.C.M. Aid Programme. The Ministry of Railways will run these vans

The proposed experiment will be watched by the Railways before embarking on a large scale provision of such specialised stock for the movement of fish and other perishable traffic on Indian Railways

Russian Method of Paddy Cultivation

*951. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russian method of paddy cultivation is being introduced in some areas of Kashmir; and

(b) whether Government have been assured of the utility or prospect of increased production in such areas?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Regional Poultry Farm

*952. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased