

Shri Raj Bahadur: That would depend upon the final analysis of the results that these experts who are engaged on this work arrive at.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know what effect the development of this Haldia port is likely to have on the existing traffic which is handled at the present Calcutta port? Has the Government prepared the scheme at Haldia on the basis of a co-ordinated sort of a supplementary scheme between Haldia and Calcutta or separately?

Shri Raj Bahadur: This is the result of a long-standing demand to enable the Calcutta region to handle as much of the export/import cargo as possible. Because there are draft restrictions so far as Calcutta port proper is concerned, it is not possible for us to admit ships of more than 26 or 27 feet draft on most of the days. It has been thought proper that there should be a subsidiary port where lighting or topping operations on the incoming or outgoing ships could be carried out. It is with that end in view that this particular scheme has been thought of.

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: May I know if the Government is thinking of connecting Haldia with Kharagpur by rail in order to carry iron ore or other manganese ore through this port?

Shri Raj Bahadur: That would be an essential part of the whole scheme.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The hon. Minister stated that the investigations into the proposal for a deep draft port are continuing. May I know for how long this will continue?

Shri Raj Bahadur: As I said, the terms of reference said that the period for this work to begin with is 12 months. In case they require a longer period, that may have to be given that because they may have to make detailed examination of water currents, behaviour of waves, tides and other things.

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 Shri Warrior:
 Shri A. K. Gopalan:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri V. Eacharan:
 Shri Goray:

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

(a) whether any schemes have been finalised regarding the Food and Agriculture Organisation Campaign in India "Against Hunger"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) It has been decided to participate in the Freedom from Hunger Campaign sponsored by the F.A.O. The Programme of activities under the Campaign has not yet been finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Warrior: To finalise the programme, may I know whether a machinery has been set up by the Government?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir. We have set up a National Campaign Committee. We have also constituted a governing board. The governing board has also met and it has appointed two sub-committees one for framing a programme.

Shri Warrior: May I know the general character of this campaign?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The campaign has been initiated by the Director General of the F.A.O. with the object of focussing public attention on a world-wide scale on the continuing problem of hunger and to mobilise national and international efforts towards its solution.

Raja Mahendra Pratap: May I know whether the Government knows about one Mr. Sharma who came to me yesterday from Jaipur State? He told me that he is very well known to the

Prime Minister and the Rashtrapati. He said that he had a method of doubling food production, that he was sent by the Prime Minister to Jaipur as Adviser, but that the Rajasthan Government did not do anything to help him. Does the Government know anything about this man and his invention?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not heard of this man. But, I have met many such people who claim that they can double and treble agricultural production.

Raja Mahendra Pratap: Will the hon. Prime Minister say anything?

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: If the Rajasthan Government has no use for him, has the Central Government no use?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I do not know names. A certain gentleman did come to me making this claim. I sent him on to the Chief Minister of Rajasthan. He said that he had often given him a chance to work, but he did not work in the conditions prevailing there. He again said, I am prepared to give another chance. But, he laid down certain conditions which could not be accepted.

Shri S. R. Arumugham: The Meals for Millions Association of India has manufactured a multi-purpose food with local products. May I know whether Government will manufacture large quantities to supplement the food needs of this country?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This food has not figured so far, so far as the Campaign committee is concerned. But, it is certainly a very useful item if we want to prevent hunger and improve nutrition.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: In the F.A.O. plan, may I know what part of the expenditure is allotted to the Governments of the countries concerned and what part of the expenditure the F.A.O. proposes to bear?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Every country is ordinarily expected to bear its own expenditure by collection of funds from people, institutions and so on. If the F.A.O. does collect any large funds, it may then be possible for the F.A.O. to give something. At the present time, there is no such proposal.

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Shri Venkatasubbaiah: The hon. Minister just now said that in this campaign, some committees have been constituted. May I know whether non-official elements in this country have been associated in these committees to enthuse public opinion about this matter?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: For the time being, we have taken about 3 M.P.s. and only a very limited number of non-officials. But, as the work expands, I am sure we will try to associate as many non-officials as possible.