

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned on the above exports is estimated at Rs. 11.6 crores.

(c) Sugar exports were estimated to involve a subsidy of about Rs. 5.5 crores by Government during the current year and a supplementary grant was sanctioned by Parliament during the last session for this purpose. The exact amount of subsidy will be known only after the accounts have been finalized.

(d) The average f.o.b. realizations are estimated as under:

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| (i) to U.S.A. | Rs. 536/- per
metric ton |
| (ii) to other
countries | Rs. 411/- per
metric ton |
| (e) None. | |

Extra-Departmental Employees of P. & T.

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 Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Bhakt Darshan:
 Shri Chander Shanker.
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri R. C. Majhi:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether the extra-departmental employees of P. & T. have received their increased pay as recommended by the Rajan Committee and accepted by Government;

(b) if so, at what rate the employees have received their pay; and

(c) whether Government have decided to recognise their Union?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):

(a) The arrears have been drawn and paid in several cases. The others are under examination and will be settled early.

(b) At varying rates ranging from Rs. 20/- P.M. to Rs. 78/- P.M. as per the Government orders on the subject relating to the various classes of E.D. employees.

(c) The matter is still under examination.

Port at Haldia

*97. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to reply given to the starred question No. 393 on the 11th August 1961 and state:

(a) whether the development of a subsidiary port at Haldia is now conditional on the World Bank's approval of the project;

(b) the detailed reasons for non-acceptance by the World Bank of the project report prepared by the experts of the Calcutta Port Commissioners;

(c) whether the engineering and hydraulic studies asked for by the World Bank have commenced;

(d) if so, when they are likely to be completed; and

(e) the amount of foreign exchange required for carrying out these studies?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). The development of Haldia as a satellite port has been included in the Third Five Year Plan. The World Bank has appreciated the need for a satellite port and has noted that Haldia is the best site available but considers that an up-to-date hydraulic Research Department should be set up to study in greater detail the hydraulic problems of the Hoogly and the estuary and in particular the practicability of maintaining deep water alongside the proposed satellite port site and in its approaches in respect of which they consider that further data should be collected. The Bank also considers that expensive engineering works at the site should be undertaken only after further clarification on the hydraulic aspects of the site and its approaches is available. It has suggested that a Master Plan for the Port of Haldia and the