

(ब) क्या उस केन्द्र ने अपना कार्य आरम्भ कर दिया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस केन्द्र में इस समय कितने प्रशिक्षार्थी प्रशिक्षण पा रहे हैं ?

कुवि उमदंश्री (श्री मो० बा० कुष्यप्पा) :

(क) जी हां ।

(ख) जी हां । पहली जुलाई १९५७ से ।

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An. Hon. Member: In English also.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. Since 1st July, 1957;

(c) Ten.

Dr. Rama Subhag Singh: May I know whether the persons who are admitted there as trainees belong to that trade or not?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: They belong to the fisheries department of the maritime States.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: May I know whether this training is imparted in any private boat-building yard or Government-owned yard?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: This training is conducted under an F.A.O. architect, Paul Jeaner, and it is only for six months. At the end of this training we intend to go into the question whether to conduct this training or not.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: Is there any boat-building yard in Cochin, whether private-owned or Government owned?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: There is a boat-building yard managed by the Norwegian Fishing Project at Neendakara.

Ports in Ratnagiri District

*1419. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that so many ports of Ratnagiri District will remain unused on account of having no dredging arrangement; and

(b) whether there is any programme in the Second Five Year Plan for dredging the rivers of Ratnagiri District?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Lok Sabha.

Shri Assar: Does the Government propose to conduct a survey in this regard?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The dredging in the minor ports will primarily be the concern of the State Governments and the Government of India has had a general survey of the whole area.

Purchase of Railway Stores

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1420. (Shri Sabblah Ambalam:
Shri Thanu Pillai:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether availability of supplies locally is taken into consideration in the purchase of Railway Stores before going in for purchases from distant places?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Under the present procedure for purchases, quotations are called for on the basis of F.O.R. destination of F.O.R. source of supply. In the latter case, the element of freight is taken into consideration in finally determining the cheaper source of supply. Products available locally, therefore get virtual preference to the extent of element of freight that will have to be incurred in transport of stores offered by out-station suppliers.