

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A preliminary technical examinations has been made to determine a suitable site for the location of the proposed port. This revealed the necessity for carrying out fresh hydrological experiments and the collection of further data regarding erosion effects, frequency and magnitude of bore tides etc. This is being done.

Plant Protection

*1545. Shri R. Narayanasamy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cardamom plants are dying out in Devicolam Taluq Kerala State, in Kodaikanal Taluq Madurai District and other parts in the Madras State; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by the Government of India in the matter under Plant Protection Schemes?

The Minister for Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. (See Appendix IV, annexure No. 79).

Medical Delegation to U.S.S.R.

*1546. Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Medical delegation visited the U.S.S.R.;

(b) if so, whether the delegation has submitted any report and made any recommendations; and

(c) the action taken on these recommendations?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) and (b). The reply is in the affirmative.

(c) The suggestions made by the Indian Delegation were brought to the notice of the State Governments.

Rajasthan Canal

*1547. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the administrative set-up has been finalised to implement the scheme of Rajasthan Canal; and

(b) the progress expected to be made during the year 1957-58?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The project was sanctioned in July, 1957 and the preliminaries are in hand. It would be possible to give a fairly accurate estimate only when the administrative set up is finalised and the staff is in position.

Agrarian Re-organisation

*1548. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether high level discussions are going to be held in Mysore on agrarian re-organisation; and

(b) if so, whether representatives of all political parties will be invited to attend these talks?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The All India Sarva Seva Sangh has convened a conference at Mysore on 21st and 22nd September, 1957 with a view to discuss matters relating to the Gramdan movement.

(d) So far as is known, a number of leading personalities; belonging to various parties or to none, have been invited.

Dredger at Kandla Port

*1549. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dredger allotted to Kandla Port is unworkable;

(b) if so, what is the defect;