

of Agricultural Extension and Extension Education.

(d) "Extension" is a specialised subject requiring not only expert teaching staff and equipment but practical field training in countries where Extension Services are highly developed. However, Post Graduate courses in Extension have recently been introduced at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. In addition, two Extension Education Institutes are being established at Hyderabad and Anand to provide higher training in Extension Education leading to M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees.

Light Houses in Androth and Kavarathy Islands

1873. **Shri Nallakoya:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the present progress regarding the proposal to establish the general lighthouse at Androth Island and local lighthouse at Kavarathy Island; and

(b) when the scheme will be finalised?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Optical equipment for Androth Island Lighthouse is under shipment to India. As no contract is prepared to take up the civil engineering works at the Island, efforts are being made to get the work executed through the agency of the Administrator, Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands.

As regards the Kavarathy Island, the question of setting up a lighthouse there is still under consideration.

Medical Facilities in Kadunath and Chetlat Islands

1874. { **Shri Nallakoya:**
 { **Shri Ravindra Varma:**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware

that there are no medical facilities to the Kadunath and Chetlat islanders;

(b) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission have already suggested opening primary health centres in these islands; and

(c) what action has been taken to implement the scheme and by what date Government propose to open the centres?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) There are already two Maternity Centres, one each at Kadamath and Chathlath Islands. Each of these Centres has a Maternity Assistant and an Ayak.

(b) The Planning Commission have agreed to the conversion of Maternity Centres into Primary Health Centres during the Third Plan period; and

(c) (i) Orders regarding the conversion of existing Maternity Centres at Kadamath and Chathlath into Primary Health Centres during 1962-63 have already been issued.

(ii) Orders have been placed on the Medical Stores Depot, Madras, to supply the required Medical equipment.

(iii) Two posts of Medical Officers have been sanctioned and efforts are being made to fill those posts.

The Centres will start functioning as Primary Health Centres as soon as the doctors join the posts.

Major Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra

1875. { **Shri Jedhe:**
 { **Shri Tulsidas Jadhav:**
 { **Shri V. T. Patil:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to lay a statement showing the major irrigation projects sanctioned for Third Five Year Plan period in Maharashtra State?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri