

manures have made very bad effect on the paddy producing soil;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to stop its use; and

(c) the remedial measures to be adopted to bring back the fertility as well as the capacity of holding the moisture in such paddy fields?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) No case of indiscriminate use of inorganic manures resulting in an adverse effect on paddy producing soils in India has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Reclamation of Desert Lands

\*196. { Shri J. B. S. Bist:  
Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
Shri B. P. Yadava:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the progress made by the Arid Zone Research Station in Rajasthan in reclaiming desert lands?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** The Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur, has been set up primarily to conduct research in problems of the desert lands and to carry out pilot development tests of the results achieved. The Institute does not directly take up the reclamation of desert lands. The pilot reclamation activity carried out so far by the Institute consists of (a) stabilisation of shifting sand dunes, (b) afforestation of rocky, semi-rocky and hard loam lands and (c) rehabilitation of degraded grass lands.

The recommendations arising from these investigations have been passed on to the Government of Rajasthan for implementation.

#### देवनागरी दूर-मुद्रक

\*१९७. { श्री राम सेवक यादव :  
श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा :  
श्री गोकर्न प्रसाद :  
श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :  
श्री दी० चं० शर्मा :

क्या डाक और तार मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या देवनागरी दूर-मुद्रकों के निर्माण की योजना के सम्बन्ध में नियुक्त प्रविधिक समिति ने अपने प्रतिवेदन की अन्तिम रूप दे दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रतिवेदन में क्या महत्वपूर्ण बातें हैं; और

(ग) देवनागरी दूर-मुद्रकों का निर्माण कब तक किया जायेगा ?

डाक और तार विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) ऐसी कोई समिति नियुक्त नहीं की गयी थी ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ग) १९६५ के आखीर तक ।

#### Paradeep Port

\*198. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report of progress made in regard to the development of Paradeep Port and the amount spent so far in this connection; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to reconsider the position and include the development of Paradeep as a major port—a Central project—during the Third Plan?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes, Sir. According to the progress Report furnished by the