

State Government on the works relating to Paradeep all-weather Port project, the total expenditure incurred on the project upto the end of September, 1963 is Rs. 1,72,98,810.

(b) There is no proposal to include the development of Paradeep as a major port in the Central Sector during the Third Plan period.

Sugarcane Prices

*199. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted sugar factories to pay to cane growers prices upto Rs. 1.75 a maund in areas of competition with gur and khandsari;

(b) how far the distinction of khandsari and non-khandsari areas will be rigidly drawn for determination of cane prices;

(c) whether Government have undertaken a survey of the areas producing sugarcane and the possibilities of the factories facing competition from gur manufacturers; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to restrict the use of cane for gur manufacture in specified areas to be reserved for factory operation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). Sugar factories situated in gur producing areas have been permitted to pay a cane price of Rs. 2 per maund. Traditional gur producing areas are well known, and the permission to individual factories has been given on the basis of recommendations received from the respective State Governments.

(c) This is done by State Governments.

(d) What is aimed at is regulation of cane supplies in factory areas with a view to arranging equitable availability of cane to all users.

टेलक्स सेवा

*२००. श्री मोहन स्वरूप : क्या डाक और तार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 'टेलैक्स' सेवा के बहुत लोकप्रिय होने के कारण डाक और तार विभाग 'टेलैक्स' सेवा की बढ़ती हुई मांग पूरा करने में असमर्थ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि ८०० से अधिक 'टेलैक्स' लाइनों की मांग विभाग को प्राप्त हो चुकी है; और

(घ) अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय 'टेलैक्स' सेवा में भारत कितने देशों में सम्बद्ध है ?

डाक और तार विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) उपलब्ध साधनों की अपेक्षा मांग कहीं अधिक साबित हुई है ।

(ग) जी हां ।

(घ) मॅतालीस ।

Freight Rates

*201. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Maheshwar Naik:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.K.-India and Pakistan Conferences and Continental-India Pakistan Conferences have decided to reduce the freight increase for Westbound traffic from India and Pakistan which came into effect on the 1st August, 1963; and

(b) if so, to what extent and what are the revised rates?