

the cultivators get their lands cultivated by sub-tenants on share cropping basis. These sub-tenants undertake cultivation with the help of their own plough animals or by hired labour with borrowed plough animals. As such cultivation of lands is not affected.

(c) Takavi and other loan facilities exist for assisting needy cultivators for purchase of plough animals, subject to repaying capacity of the borrower-cultivators.

(d) Government intend to introduce the crop loan system through the Co-operative Credit Structure. The Andaman State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Port Blair has been recently established and the scope for introducing the Crop Loan System in the Islands is being examined.

Manglutan-Mayashahr Road

5236. Shri M. Amersey :
Shri K. F. Singh Deo :

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) the total cost of Manglutan-Mayashahr Road built for the transport of logs of Andaman timber industries;

(b) whether the road is being used by public; and

(c) if not, the reasons for spending such a heavy amount thereon?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Shipping (Shri Bhakt Darshan) : (a) This road was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs 3.36 lakhs in August, 1958, both for exploiting forest produce and for providing communication facilities to a large number of settlers settled in these areas. It was completed in 1962 at a cost of Rs. 3.73 lakhs.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Does not arise

Bridges and Culverts in Andamans

5237. Shri M. Amersey :
Shri K. F. Singh Deo :

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have deputed a Civil Engineer to 1274 (a) LSD-5.

the U.S.A. for special training in making bridges and culverts over the fresh water streams of Andamans; and

(b) if so, when he is coming back to take up the bridge construction work at Burma Nala, Nayashahr, Diglipur streams which are awaiting construction for over 7 years?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Shipping (Shri Bhakt Darshan) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of Timber in Andamans

Forest Department

5238. Shri K. F. Singh Deo :
Shri M. Amersey :

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

(a) whether huge shortage in the stock of timber in the Andamans Forest Depot has recently been detected,

(b) if so, whether an enquiry in the matter has been instituted; and

(c) the result of the enquiry and action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Anasahab Shinde) : (a) No, Sir.

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

Andaman Forest Department

5239. Shri K. F. Singh Deo :
Shri M. Amersey :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andaman Forest Department has continuously been running at a heavy loss;

(b) if so, the actual loss incurred in 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1966-67; and

(c) whether Government propose to make any enquiry in this matter to fix responsibility for such losses?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Anasahab Shinde) : (a) No, Sir. The following amounts of royalty on