

attention towards the development of human material and resources. This conclusion is based on an analysis of the attitudes towards agricultural education of a sample of 206 out-of-school youths in four Community Development Blocks covered under the study.

(b) The importance of the human element in the Community Development programme has been recognised from the outset; thus, extension education and training have always been regarded as integral components of programme. Increase of agricultural production depends on a complex of factors, of which extension education is only one. However, measures have been taken for improving the skills and competence of extension personnel and for instituting a systematic programme of farmers' training and education, specially in areas selected for the introduction of High Yielding Varieties

Chougule Steamship Company

2292. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chougule Steamship Company Limited, has approached Government with proposals envisaging substantial increase in passenger and goods fare on Bombay-Goa and Bombay-Mangalore lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) to (c). The Chougule Steamship Company Limited have requested the Government for permission to increase passenger fares for the Bombay-Goa passenger service. The Company have not made a similar request in respect of the Bombay-Mangalore service.

The Company have also not made a request for an increase in freight rates on the Bombay-Goa or Bombay-

Mangalore Service. The Company have indicated that an increase of 65 per cent in the existing passenger fares on the Bombay-Goa service would be required to make good the losses sustained by them on this service. The Government of India have appointed a Committee consisting of the Additional Director General of Shipping a representative of the Government of Maharashtra and an officer from the Comptroller and Auditor General's Organisation to go into this question in detail. The Committee is expected to submit its report by the end of the June, 1967.

Bombay-Goa Road

2293. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far on the construction of Bombay-Goa Road of the West Coast National Highway and the amount to be spent to complete it; and

(b) the time by which the construction of this Bombay-Goa Road is expected to be completed?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao):

(a) Presumably the member is referring to that part of the West Coast Road which is being developed through the States of Maharashtra and Goa. An expenditure of about Rs. 6.69 crores has been incurred up to March, 1967, on the scheme. The balance work will cost about Rs. 4.47 crores. The expenditure incurred includes an amount of approximately Rs. 20. crores spent by the Maharashtra Government from their own resources.

(b) Depending on the availability of funds, the road is expected to be completed by the end of the 4th Plan period.

Supply of Fertiliser to Goa, Daman and Diu

2294. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fertilisers actually supplied to Union Territory of