

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance provided to Madhya Pradesh during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Nil.

Light Rail Transit System for Delhi and other Cities

1906. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :
SHRI AKHTAR HASAN :
SHRI KAMAL NATH :
SHRI YASHWANT RAO GADAKH PATIL :
SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI :
DR. G S. RAJHANS :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have accepted the specific route for the east west corridor for the proposed light rail transit system for Delhi;

(b) if so, by which time it would be completed and the expenditure likely to be incurred on it;

(c) the names of States proposed to be linked through this system and strength of passengers supposed to be carried by trains under this system;

(d) whether such type of scheme would also be implemented in other cities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Proposal to Construct Harbour in Portonovo

1907. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to construct a harbour in Portonovo for development of fishing industry; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to sanction one such scheme for Portonovo and take up the construction work immediately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to paucity of resources in the Seventh Plan period it is not possible to sanction the scheme.

Removal of "Root Wilt" Disease of Coconut

1908. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken at the national level to remove the "Root Wilt" disease of the coconut trees; and

(b) whether any programme for fresh cultivation of coconut palms is being launched ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) At the national level Central Plantations Crop Research Institute (ICAR) is carrying out research to develop control measures for root wilt disease. The Coconut Development Board has prepared an integrated scheme for improving the productivity of disease affected coconut holdings in Kerala.

(b) The Coconut Development Board is already implementing a scheme for expansion of area under coconut.