

(a) whether the General Cargo Berth at Visakhapatnam Port commissioned in 1985 has been plagued by the problem of unstable berthing conditions resulting in serious damage to ships and loss of cargo ;

(b) whether Visakhapatnam Port Trust has invited a team of Dutch experts to find out a solution to the technical problems that has been persisting at the General Cargo Berth ;

(c) whether the two member Dutch expert team visited the Visakhapatnam Port and made any recommendations ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) No Major problems have been reported at the berth except some excess ship motions reported by some ship captains during the South West monsoon period of June-September. The problem has been studied by the Central Water and Power Research Station and also by a team of Dutch experts under the Indo-Dutch bilateral programme.

(c) and (d) A two member Dutch expert team which visited Visakhapatnam Port has given their report. The broad conclusions are as under :

(1) Necessary activities to solve the problem have been defined by the Mission. These relate to application of Mathematical models, performing of Simulator tests, execution of measurements in nature, analysis of existing data, etc. Due to strong inter-relations of these activities, it is preferable to execute them as one project.

(2) A consortium of consultants should realise the project as different disciplines of Civil Engineering involved.

Utilisation Rate of Computers Word Processors in J.N.U , IIT and Delhi University

4877. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the utilisation rate of computers and word processors in the Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi and the Delhi University ;

(b) whether these are being utilised to their optimum capacity in the above mentioned Universities/Institute ;

(c) if not, the reasons for purchasing the new computers and word processors by the above institutions ; and

(d) the steps taken to fully utilise the existing computers and word processors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Modernisation of FACT Unit in Kerala

4878. SHRI P.A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise the FACT plant in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the proposals planned to be implemented in the near future for its modernisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has since approved FACT's proposal to undertake the preparation of a Detailed Project Report for 900 TPD Ammonia Plant by way of replacement of the Udyogmandal unit.

[Translation]

Import of Oilseeds Through NDDB

4879. SHRI BALWANT SINGH- RAMOOWALIA :

SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :