

was set up for examining the problems of low order book position and capacity utilisation adversely affecting the performance of domestic shipyards;

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the Group for solving the problems; and

(c) the recommendations which have been accepted and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). A Standing Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Surface Transport) has been constituted in September, 1988, to review and suggest long-term measures for ensuring adequate orders on the two Public Sector Shipyards, namely, Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, and Cochin Shipyard Limited, Cochin.

The Standing Committee reviewed the position in January, 1989 and after noting the orders already available with the two yards, decided to review the position after six months.

#### Revamping of Haldia unit of H.F.C.

2923. CHOWDHARY KHURSHID AHMED:  
SHRI MODH. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two foreign consultants had recommended for the revamping Haldia unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation;

(b) if so, when the recommendations were submitted to Government by the foreign consultants;

(c) whether any final decision has been

taken by Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the average monthly loss suffered by Government due to closure of the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report received from the consultants, was submitted by HFC to Government in July, 1988.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) This involves an examination of the full implications of the considerable investment involved. The loss has not been assessed as Haldia is not an operating unit—but still a project. However, an amount of Rs. 1.52 crores is being spent every month by way of standing charges including salaries and wages.

[Translation]

#### IIT Examinations in Hindi

2924. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD:  
SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students of Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi have demanded that combined entrance examination should be held in Hindi and other Indian languages also;

(b) whether Government are keen to encourage Hindi and other Indian languages; and