

**Colourisation of Vanaspati Ghee**

1044. SHRI BANAMALI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to colour the vanaspati ghee has been shelved; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b) . The Expert Committee set up by Government for intensifying the researches for finding a colour for vanaspati and coordinating them suitably, after an extensive survey of earlier studies on the subject and detailed confirmatory researches, came to the conclusion that colouring of vanaspati is neither practicable nor desirable, and that alternative methods should be explored for achieving the end in view. While generally agreeing with this view, Government have asked the institutions and agencies which had been engaged in these researches to remain on the look-out for a suitable colouring medium for vanaspati.

**Reinstatement of retrenched Pump Drivers and workers of Water Supply Department of Howrah**

1045. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not yet taken steps to reinstate the retrenched pump drivers and workers of Water Supply Department of Howrah Municipality (West Bengal) ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the number of employees yet to be reinstated ;

(d) whether any representation has been received from the Howrah Paura Karni Sangha ; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to reinstate the retrenched employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (PROF. D. P. CHATTO. PADHYAYA) : (a) to (e). Based on the information received from the Government of West Bengal and Howrah Municipality, the position is summarised below:—

Howrah Municipality employs additional staff to augment water supply during summer season. Such appointments are seasonal and temporary. 16 extra leave reserve pump drivers who had been employed on temporary basis, were not given extension because the seasonal necessity was over. Therefore no question of retrenchment or reinstatement is involved. A representation was made by the Howrah Paura Karni Sangha and in a meeting with the Sangha convened by the District Magistrate, Howrah, it was decided to conduct an enquiry to find out the actual necessity of personnel. On an enquiry made by the Assistant Engineer Incharge of Water Works of the Municipality, it was found that 19 pumps are in operation. The usual staffing pattern is four pump drivers per pump. Against the requirement of 76, the Municipality has 132 permanent pump drivers. Moreover the Municipality has employed 10 temporary pump drivers and 16 leave reservists. These leave reservists were not given further extension according to the usual practice of the Municipality. The Municipality has authority to determine the number of employees for running its business and the State Government cannot intervene except in cases where sanction of the State Government is necessary under law for removal or dismissal of any official. In this case no such sanction was necessary.

**Acquisition of additional ships to increase tonnage**

1047. SHRI BAKSI NAYAK : SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the tonnage and specifications of the additional ships which Government of India propose to acquire within the next four years ;

(b) the sources from which these ships are likely to be purchased and the financial implications thereof ; and

(c) the extent to which India's aggregate tonnage is likely to be increased thereby ?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):** (a) to (c). The forth Plan for shipping envisages a target of 40 Laks GRT, out of which 35 lakhs GRT will be operative and 5 lakhs GRT firmly on order. The present Indian operative tonnage (as on 1st October 1971) is 24.85 lakhs GRT and 11.98 lakhs GRT is firmly on order. Taking into account the scrapping of overaged vessels of about 2.36 lakhs GRT by the end of Fourth Plan period, the tonnage yet to be ordered to achieve the Fourth Plan target is 5.53 lakhs GRT. It is difficult to state at this stage the specifications of additional ships, the sources of purchase and the prices thereof, as these ships have to be acquired by various shipping companies.

Conference of Registrar of Cooperative Societies held in September 1971

1049. **SHRI P. GANGADEB :**  
**SHRI P. M. MEHTA :**  
**SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether a two days conference of Registrars of Cooperative Societies was held in New Delhi in September, 1971 ; and

(b) if so, the suggestions made at the Conference and whether Government are considering their suggestion especially in respect of crop loan rules ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE):** (a) Yes, sir.

(b) As regards the suggestions made at the conference, a copy of the proceedings of the conference is available in the

Parliament Library. The important recommendations will be considered by the Conference of the State Ministers for Cooperation to be held on the 29th and 30th November, 1971

Delay in completion of Mormugao Port Development Scheme

1050. **SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI :** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether the scheduled completion of the Mormugao Port Development Scheme is going to be delayed further ,

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay , and

(c) when the scheme is likely to be completed ?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR)** (a) to (c). The original target date for completion of the Mormugao Port Development Project was the end of 1973. However, on account of the sudden stoppage of work relating to dredging and reclamation by the contractors from the 31st August, 1971 till the 5th November, 1971, some delay in the completion of certain areas of reclamation needed for the civil engineering works is anticipated and this is likely to affect the overall completion date to some extent. According to present indications, the Project is expected to be completed in the first Quarter of 1974.

Development of Visakhapatnam Port

1051. **SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether attention of Government has been invited to a report in the *Economic Times* of the 31st August, 1971 stating that the plan for development of the Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam has been put back by two years; and