

(b) A committee of three officers conducts, on the spot examination; samples are also examined in the laboratory for determining the extent of damage.

(c) No stocks of damaged foodgrains have been sold to any brewery during 1971 by the Food Corporation of India.

(d) Does not arise.

Report on Building a Shipyard at Haldia

709. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK

SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH :

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

(a) whether the Study Team appointed by Government to examine the feasibility of building a shipyard at Haldia has since submitted its report;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the time by which the report is expected to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Some of the studies required to be made for the purposes of the final report have not yet been completed.

(c) It is not possible to indicate the period at this stage.

Fossils found in Ravines along Tributary of Godavari

710. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of EDUCA-

TION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a "mine" of fossils, probably 1,50,000 years old, has come to light in the deep ravines along a tributary of the Godavari in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the revelation therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal from Government of Bihar for River Transport Service

711. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Bihar has submitted any proposal for River Transport Service during the Fourth Plan period; and

(b) if so, whether Government of India have since examined it and with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :

(a) and (b) The Government of Bihar had submitted in August, 1958 two schemes for operating the inland water transport services on two stretches of the river Ganga : (i) between Patna and Buxar, and (ii) Bhagalpur and Karogola. These schemes, *inter alia*, were considered by the Bhagavati Committee, who recommended that well-organised services between Buxar and Farakka on the Ganga should be started as a forerunner to a direct service between Buxar and Calcutta after comple-