

Suggestions by working Group on Ports for better Port facilities during Fifth Plan

4453. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:
SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

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

(a) whether the Working Group on Ports in the Ministry of Shipping and Transport has suggested that India should provide better port facilities during the Fifth Plan to keep pace with world Shipping trends and enable our exports to be economical;

(b) if so, what are the other suggestions made by them;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has agreed to consider this for inclusion in the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the gist thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) to (d). The Working Group on Ports in the Ministry of Shipping and Transport has recommended a number of schemes to provide better port facilities with a view to having a quicker turn-round time and more economic handling of the traffic at Indian ports. These include the provision of improved facilities for oil handling at Bombay Port, facilities to receive 150,000 DWT Ore Carriers at Madras Port and Visakhapatnam Port, facilities to receive 100,000 DWT Ore Carriers at Mormugao Port and generally improving the facilities at all the major ports. The proposals for development of ports in the country during the V Five Year Plan, are still under consideration in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Working Group on Co-operation on Outlay to Strengthen Co-operative Sector during Fifth Plan

4454. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:
SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Workshop Group on co-operation in the Agriculture Ministry has recommended an outlay of Rs. 458-crores on various schemes to strengthen and streamline the Co-operative sector during the Fifth Plan;

(b) if so, the main features of the schemes prepared by them; and

(c) how far they have been approved by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):

(a) The Working Group on Co-operation has recommended an outlay of Rs. 694 to Rs. 724 crores for various schemes to be included in the co-operation Sector of the Fifth Five-Year Plan.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-5508/73*].

(c) The schemes are still under consideration of the Planning Commission.

Cultural Accord between India and Yugoslavia

4455. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Yugoslavia signed a cultural accord in August, 1973; and

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement?