

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) The Central Government renders financial assistance to voluntary Organisations working in the field of adult education including eradication of illiteracy in all the States including Kerala.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) From 1971-72 to 1973-74 (so far) grants amounting to Rs. 1,70,616 have been given to two voluntary organisations namely (i) Kerala Grandhasala Sangham, Trivandrum and (ii) Mitra Niketan, Vellanad, Kerala for adult education including eradication of illiteracy.

Work at a Standstill at Cochin Shipyard on 6-10-73

1066. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working of Cochin shipyard came to a standstill on 6th October, 1973 as a result of strike by the employees:

(b) if so, the reasons for the strike;

(c) how Government is considering to put an end by negotiations the strike of the employees; and

(d) the extent of the loss suffered as a result of strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Motor Ship built by Odessa Yard (USSR) for India

1067. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a motor ship has been built by Odessa Yard (USSR) for India;

(b) if so, the capacity of the ship with regard to tonnage;

(c) the cost of the ship; and

(d) the main features of other ships to be built for India at that yard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMALAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) to (c). Three cargo vessels of 16,300 D.W.T. each at a price of Rs. 450 lakhs each have been built by Odessa Yard (USSR) for Shipping Corporation of India. One more vessel of same size and at same cost is being built at this Yard.

Readjustment and rephasing of the policy on rice take-over

1068. SHRI ARJUN SETHI:

SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the specific items of re-adjustment and rephasing on the policy of rice take-over which could suit the present difficulties; and

(b) the methodology through which the co-operation of the people has been envisaged to make the policy a successful one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). As the successful implementation of the policy of take-over of wholesale trade in rice required not only careful consideration