

(a) No. However, some increase in fever cases has been reported.

(b) A team from the National Institute of Communicable Diseases has been deputed for investigation. The State Government has already made arrangements to provide necessary treatment.

Area under Canal and Tube-Well Irrigation system in U. P.

2036. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total land under canal irrigation system in Uttar Pradesh District-wise; and

(b) the acreage of land proposed to be brought under irrigation facilities by the end of Fifth Five Year Plan under Canal Irrigation System and tube-wells separately and District-wise?

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) The total area (net) under canal irrigation Districtwise as per Land Utilisation Statistics for the year 1969-70, the latest year for which it is available, is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5806/73.]

(b) The Fifth Five Year Plan proposals are yet to be finalised.

Oil Tanker Berth at Cochin

2037. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final decision regarding the proposed oil tanker berth at Cochin has been taken;

(b) if so, a gist thereof; and

(c) when is the construction likely to begin?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) The construction of a Super Tanker Oil Berth in the Bolghatty Channel at Cochin was approved by the Cabinet on the 3rd May, 1973.

(b) The gross cost of the Project will be Rs. 34.09 crores on the basis of the Preliminary Report of the Consultants.

The Project is to accommodate tankers of 80,000 DWT having a draught of 40'.

The crude oil pipe-line from the Oil Jetty will be taken on shore and will be laid about 150 metres away from water edge. The pipe-line will be taken north of the jetty for some distance and then carried over two bridges, one connecting Wallarpadam and Mulavukad, and the other connecting Bolghatty and Ernakulam.

The location of the bridges between Wallarpadam and Mulavukad has been so fixed as to provide enough space on the Wallarpadam side to construct at least two more berths. The bridges would be designed to carry two lane class AA traffic apart from the crude and future product pipe-lines.

In future berths can also be constructed along the Bolghatty water front.

(c) Appointment of M/s. Engineers India Ltd., New Delhi, as Consulting Engineers for the preparation of a detailed Project Report and performing detailed engineering works has been approved. Preliminary works in connection with the execution of the above-mentioned project have also been sanctioned. After receipt of the detailed Project Report, the estimates will be sanctioned, tenders invited and work of construction taken up.

According to the Preliminary Report, it will take about 4½ years to complete the work after its commencement.