

and Italian firm for the establishment of wind power plants to meet the power shortage; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b). Does not arise.

Fishing Harbour at Vizhinjam, Kerala

1243. { **Shri P. Kunhan:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the construction of a fishing harbour at Vizhinjam, Kerala; and

(b) if so, when will the work start on this harbour?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). The construction of a fishing harbour at Vizhinjam is included in the Third Five Year Plan scheme of the Kerala State. Work of laying approach roads to the harbour is in progress.

Shortage of Wagons in Andhra Pradesh

1244. **Shri D. B. Raju:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation had been made by the Andhra Pradesh rice merchants and coconut merchants to him at Vijayawada for wagon facilities;

(b) what steps Government are taking to ease the transport of rice and coconuts from Circar Districts of Andhra Pradesh to the consuming places;

(c) whether it is a fact that still there is shortage of wagons; and

(d) how long it will take for Government to remove the shortage?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Clearance of this traffic is being arranged to the maximum extent possible consistent with the movement of other traffic. The demand is not uniform and there are heavy registrations immediately after the arrival of the rice crop in the market. Transport capacity is, however, provided on the basis of uniform loading spread over the full year. Efforts are being made to clear the outstanding traffic as expeditiously as possible.

Urban and Rural Water Supply Schemes

1245. **Shri Tan Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effort to explore the prospects of securing international aid for the implementation of urban and rural water supply and sanitation schemes was ever made by the Central Government;

(b) if so, with what results; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes.

(b) Details of assistance so far received from the International Agencies is given below:

(I) *United States of America.*

(i) About Rs. 3 crores (U.S. \$ 5,984,182.15) in the shape of material and equipment comprising Well drilling rigs, Cast iron pipes, Wind mills etc.

(ii) Services of 7 U.S. Technicians between 1954—1960.

(iii) Three-man Engineering Team for three months during 1960 to evaluate the National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme.