

(6) The Board noted the arrangements made for the mechanised handling of bulk fertilisers and suggested that these facilities should be extended to the extent practicable.

(7) The Board desired that the Ministry of Food & Agriculture should be apprised of the desirability of ensuring greater cooperation between the authorities in charge of minor ports and of fisheries development.

(8) The Board suggested that State Governments should improve the facilities at minor ports so that imports of fertilisers etc. can be facilitated. Similarly improvement of alongside berthing facilities for mechanised vessels should be considered by the State Governments.

(9) The programme for development of port facilities in Andaman and Nicobar Islands was noted.

(10) The Board suggested that measures for provision of relief to families of crews of sailing vessels who lost their lives in cyclones and storms should be considered.

(c) Apart from the improvement of drafts, provision of modern cargo handling equipment, increase in berthing capacity which are continuing as plan programmes in the different ports, special mention may be made of the Bombay Dock Modernisation Scheme, Madras Outer Harbour Scheme, and the Haldia Project which are under execution. New port projects at Tuticorin and Mangalore are also proceeding. Major proposals under consideration cover the Nava Sheva project and the Mormugao and Visakhapatnam ports.

Keeping in view the rapid developments in port and shipping technology, the scope for further modernisation is now the subject of a special study by a team of international experts who are touring the country at the request of the Ministry of Transport & Shipping. The subject will also be examined by the Major Ports Commission which has recently been set up.

Indo-Yugoslav Cultural Exchange Programme

789. SHRI DEIVEEKAN:
SHRI VISHWA NATH
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint meeting between the Indo-Yugoslav Joint Committee for cultural exchange programme was held in New Delhi on the 6th January, 1968;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been signed;

(c) the main features of the agreement; and

(d) when the implementation of the agreement is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) Yes, Sir, on 6th and 8th January, 1968;

(b) A programme of educational and cultural co-operation between the two countries for the years 1968 and 1969 was signed on 11th January, 1968;

(c) The Programme envisages exchanges and co-operation in the fields of education, art and culture, public health, literature and publishing, films, Press, Radio and television and sports through visits of scholarship holders, artists and theatre experts, artistic ensembles, workers in the field of films and exchange of exhibitions of arts and crafts etc. The programme also includes exchange of materials relating to history, literature, scientific and technical information etc.; grant of fellowships, exchange of professors for giving lectures and creative contacts, and mutual recognition and equivalence of Degree and Diplomas; and

(d) the Programme is in the process of implementation.