

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) The exact position regarding implementation of the Third Plan schemes in the Central Sector will be known only after the 31st of March 1966. As such it is too early to state what further progress has been made since replying to the Unstarred Question No. 1125 on the 23rd November, 1965.

(b) The foreign exchange earned during each year of the Third Plan is given below:

1961	Rs. 20.41 crores
1962	Rs. 19.62 "
1963	Rs. 20.56 "
1964	Rs. 23.00 "
1965	Yet to be determined.

(c) A provisional outlay of Rs. 25 crores has been agreed to by the Planning Commission. However, as funds are being allocated only for 1966-67, the amount allotted is Rs. 78 lakhs.

#### Ennore as Intermediate Port

**582. Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madras Government have suggested to the Union Government to sponsor a scheme to develop Ennore as an intermediate port;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) its utility;

(d) whether the Centre have approved the suggestion; and

(e) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) Yes.

(b) Ennore is situated about eight miles north of Madras. The backwater at this place is connected to the sea by a small opening which is silted up for nine months in the year. The proposal is to keep this opening

navigable by artificial methods and to provide an all-the-year lighterage port.

(c) The State Government are of the view that the port can handle an annual traffic, mainly in fertiliser raw materials, coal, salt and ore of nearly four million tons by 1975-76.

(d) and (e). The proposal is under consideration along with other proposals for the Fourth Five Year Plan for Intermediate and Minor Ports.

#### Accident to Helicopter in Ferozepur District

**583. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 654 on the 16th November, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the causes of the accident to a helicopter which was spraying insecticides over cotton fields in Kheowale village in Ferozepur district (Punjab) have since been investigated; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The accident occurred as a result of the main rotor getting trapped in unmarked telephone wire, which the pilot could not observe, during spraying operations conducted near ground level.

#### Madras Harbour Explosion

**584. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 655 on the 16th November, 1965 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report of enquiry made by the authorities concerned about the Madras Harbour Explosion which took place on the 3rd June, 1965;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and  
(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy)** (a) to (c). A report of the enquiry made by the Inspector of Police, Crime Branch, Madras City, has been received. The Senior Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras has also submitted a report to the Chief Inspector of Explosives in India, Nagpur, on the subject. It appears that he has stressed the need for strict supervision and care over the handling of hazardous cargo like Ethyl, Methyl, Ketone, Peroxide involved in the explosion at the Port of Madras.

The Madras Port Trust have been asked to indicate the further action they propose to take on the police report.

#### Escape of Daniel Walcott

585. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 658 on the 16th November, 1965 regarding the report of the Enquiry Committee on the escape of Daniel Walcott and state the details of disciplinary action taken against the officers charge-sheeted so far?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** Disciplinary proceedings against the officers are still in progress.

#### उत्तर प्रदेश को चावल तथा गेहूँ की सप्लाई

586. श्री गुरुदास :

श्री विजयनाथ पांडेय :

क्या चावल, अन्न, आनुवंशिक विकास तथा सहायक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने वहाँ पर अनाज की कमी को दूर करने के लिए

चावल तथा गेहूँ देने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार से प्रार्थना की है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कितनी मात्रा की मांग की गई है ; और

(ग) अब तक कितना गेहूँ तथा चावल दिया गया है ?

आज, दुध, सोयाबीन आदि तथा सहायक मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्र: (श्री गोविन्द मेनन) : (क) और (ख). उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने जनवरी, 1966 से प्रति मास 60,000 मीट्रिक टन गेहूँ की मांग की है ।

(ग) जनवरी में वास्तव में दी गयी मात्रा 41,000 मीट्रिक टन की थी । चावल न तो मांगा गया है और न ही सप्लाई किया गया है ।

#### Mohanbari Airport

587. **Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:**

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the works relating to the improvement of Mohanbari Airport in Assam; and

(b) the reasons for the delay, if any?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) and (b). The work of carpetting the runway at Mohanbari Airport is expected to be completed by the first week of March, 1966.

#### Flour Mills in Port Area for Grinding Imported Wheat

588. **Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of Government to