

(SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) :

(a) The Chief Minister of Assam made a statement on the Nagaland-Assam boundary question in the Assam Legislative Assembly on 21st September, 1968 in which he gave details of encroachments in Assam territory and also observed that along with these encroachments there was an attempt to bring Nagaland administration to these areas.

(b) to (d). The dispute relates to the precise boundary between the two States and the claim by the Government of Nagaland to certain reserve forest areas in Assam. The Government of Nagaland have suggested the appointment of a boundary commission to settle this dispute. This matter is under consideration.

Recently at a meeting between the Chief Secretaries of Nagaland and Assam they agreed that the border between the two States as defined in the State of Nagaland Act, 1962 should be determined on the ground in certain sectors.

#### TRUCKS GIFTED BY POPE

792. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :  
SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH:  
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :  
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :  
SHRI D. C. SHARMA :  
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :  
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the trucks gifted by Pope in July, 1966 are with the Central Road Transport Corporation;

(b) if so, the number of such trucks;

(c) whether these are being used for the purpose for which these were presented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN): (a) and (b). Out of a total

of 224 trucks received by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, including 40 gifted by the Pope, 171 trucks are at present with the Central Road Transport Corporation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### PARADEEP PORT

793. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :  
SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH:  
SHRI RABI RAY :  
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :  
SHRI P. K. DEO :  
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :  
SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SALVE :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of foreign experts visited the Paradeep Port in January-March, 1968 and submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the broad details of the report ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Copies of the Team's Report have already been placed in the Library of the Parliament from which the details can be found. The Team has made certain comments on navigational facilities, dredging arrangements, communications facilities and arrangement for receiving and unloading the iron ore. Their main recommendations on Paradeep are as follows :—

(1) The Central Government assign the most experienced officials available to this port;

(2) Necessary navigational aids including radar reflector equipped channel buoys be acquired and installed;

(3) Immediate steps be taken by the Central Government to maximise utilisation of existing dredging equipment;