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#### **Cochin Port**

3093. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**  
**Shri A. V. Raghavan:**  
**Shri Pottakkatt:**  
**Shri Umanath:**  
**Shri P. Kunhan:**  
**Shri Vasudevan Nair:**

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in the 'Hindu' of the 11th July, 1966, under the heading "Concern over Congestion in Cochin Port";

(b) whether the proposal put up by the Cochin Port Trust for two additional wharf berths has been turned down;

(c) how for the non-availability of shore equipment and tugs have aggravated congestion in the Port; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the conditions in the Port?

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

(b) The Cochin Port Trust have proposed the construction of two new berths in the Mattoncherry Channel as part of the Fourth Five Year Plan. The matter is under consideration in consultation with the Planning Commission.

(c) The availability of tugs has no bearing on the congestion in the Port.

The Cochin Port Trust have reported that the shore equipment at present requires augmentation.

(d) The Cochin Port have called for tenders for contract dredging to meet urgent requirements. Steps are being taken to acquire additional tugs and equipment. A proposal for replacement of the existing dredger is also under consideration.

#### **Regional Dairy Cattle Farm in Kerala**

3094. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**  
**Shri Umanath:**

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

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish a regional dairy cattle farm in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether any suitable place has been recommended by the Government of Kerala;

(c) whether there are other proposals regarding the site, including Cannanore District, under consideration; and

(d) when the proposal will be finalised?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde):** (a) No. However establishment of six Cattle Breeding Farms during Fourth Plan is under consideration of the Government of India.

(b) A few sites in Calicut and Cannanore Districts were suggested by the Government of Kerala for locating one of the Farms referred to above.

(c) A site measuring about 1000 acres in Attapady Tribal Development Block in Palghat District in Kerala is under consideration.

(d) Suitability of this site will be finalised after the Site Selection Committee on these farms visits Kerala and some other States which have also offered sites for this purpose.

#### **Rice Supply by Andhra Pradesh**

3095. **Shri Kishen Pattnayak:**  
**Shri Madhu Limaye:**

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

(a) the approximate quantity of rice supplied to the Centre by Andhra during last year;