

West Coast Road

130. **Shri Linga Reddy:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

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

(a) whether the West Coast Road has been completed;

(b) if not, how long it will take to complete the road; and

(c) the reasons for not declaring it as a National Highway?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) to (c). The West Coast Road is a State Road. Its development is therefore primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. Due to financial limitations it has not been possible to include it in the National Highway system. However, in order to assist the State Governments concerned, the Government of India are giving aid for its development as an all-weather, single lane, blacktopped road. The construction of the road is in various stages of progress and is likely to be completed by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan period.

Committee on Agricultural Implements

131. **Shri Linga Reddy:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1730 on the 17th May, 1966 and state:

(a) the further action taken by the Central and the seven State Governments on the recommendations made by the Committee on Agricultural Implements; and

(b) when the Committee will submit its report in respect of the remaining States?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) The Agriculture Team, set up by the Committee on Plan Projects, have completed the studies and prepared reports on Improved Agricultural Implements for seven States viz. Punjab, Madras, Mysore, Maharashtra, Bihar, Assam and Himachal Pradesh. An All-India Report on Tractors and Power Tillers has also been prepared. These Reports have been forwarded to the concerned Central Ministries and the State Governments for the implementation of the Team's recommendations. Since field studies, to a large extent, have also been conducted in Uttar Pradesh, the report for this State is also being prepared. To complete the work, the term of the Team has been extended upto the 30th September, 1966.

(b) Based mainly on the studies conducted in eight States, an All-India Report on Improved Agricultural Implements has also been prepared and submitted by the Agriculture Team to the Chairman, Committee on Plan Projects. It is not proposed to conduct these studies in the remaining States.

Famine and Drought Conditions in Orissa

132. **Shri Hem Barua:**
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Nath Pai:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Narayan Reddy:
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