

Statement

Name of Port	Facilities available for mechanical unloading of goods	Facilities proposed for mechanical unloading of goods
1. Calcutta/Haldia	Foodgrains and P.O.L.	Fertilizer, Salt and General Cargo (containerised).
2. Bombay	Foodgrains and P.O.L.	Fertilizer and Coal (Nahava Sheva under consideration).
3. Madras	Foodgrains and P.O.L.	Fertilizer.
4. Cochin	P.O.L.	Fertilizer and General Cargo (containerised).
5. Visakhapatnam	P.O.L. and Fertilizer raw material.	—
6. Kandla	Foodgrains	Fertilizer.
7. Mormugao	—	—
8. Paradip	—	—
9. New Mangalore	P.O.L.	—
10. New Tuticorin	—	P.O.L. and Coal.

Agreement with Turkey on Science and Technology

*596. SHRI R. S. PANDEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement on science and technology has been concluded with Turkey; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. An Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Science and Technology has been concluded with Turkey on 2nd April, 1978.

(b) The Agreement reflects the desire of both countries to promote co-operation in the field of Science and Technology on the basis of equality and mutual advantage. It provides for exchange of scientists, research

workers, specialists and scholars; exchange of scientific and technical information and documentation; organisation of bilateral scientific and technical seminars; joint identification, formulation and implementation of research programmes. Detailed programmes of cooperation are to be signed periodically under the Agreement.

Offer of Homoeopathic Medical Association Re: Family Planning

*597. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Homoeopathic Medical Association of India has offered to cooperate with the Government in giving push to family planning; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). Though no

such formal offer has been received, Government will welcome the involvement of the practitioners of Homoeopathy in stepping up the Family Planning Programme.

Visit by President of Botswana

*598. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sir Seretse Khama, President of Botswana (Africa) visited India recently; and

(b) if so, highlights of the agreement reached, and the talks Government had with him?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Joint Communiqué in corporating the views of the two governments on various important international and bilateral matters was issued. A copy of the Communiqué is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No LT-10731-A/76].

Opening of New Industrial Tribunals

*599. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to open new industrial tribunals at places of industrial concentration; and

(b) if so, the outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) and (b). Industrial disputes are raised both in the Central and State spheres and Industrial Tribunals are set up by the "Appropriate Government" so far as Central sphere is concerned seven Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts were set up earlier; three at Dhanbad, two at

Bombay and one each at Jalalpur and Calcutta. A new Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court is being set up at New Delhi.

Permission to Engineering Exporters to Import Steel

*602. SHRI B. S. BHURA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state whether Government are considering a proposal to allow engineering exporters to import steel from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV): The import policy in force, even at present, provides for import of steel for Engineering Goods Exporters

Unemployment

*603. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN. Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the figures of unemployment in States have comparatively gone up since last year; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures proposed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) Precise estimates of unemployment in the country are not available. However, the number of job-seekers (all of whom are not necessarily unemployed) on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges in different States/Union Territories had gone up from 84.98 lakhs as on 31st January, 1975 to 93.97 lakhs as on 31st January, 1976.

(b) Bulk of employment opportunities to the unemployed would be provided during the Fifth Five Year Plan through the implementation of Plan programmes in different sectors, such as agriculture, irrigation, power generation, command area deve-