

equator, are found suitable for this. I do not think Bengal comes within this area, but the Andaman and Nicobar islands do.

MR. SPEAKER: The question was not whether the oil is edible or not. It was concerning a proposal for forming a subsidiary company. Whether the company is formed or not, oil is still being discussed. If they are not directly relevant, there should be some remote relevance to justify such questions.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: It is for you to correct us.

MR. SPEAKER: The question hour is over.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Shri H. M. Patel very much wanted to authorise me to ask question No. 213. But unfortunately I could not meet him.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: He said that if the Professor was absent, I should be present.

MR. SPEAKER: That may be so. But there should be some indication of it in the agenda also; some intimation should have been given to me. If that was done, I would have loved to allow it.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Recommendation of Working Group on Ship Building Yard at Haldia

*201. **SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Working Group consisting of experts have recommended the construction of a Ship-building Yard at Haldia; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMLA-PATI TRIPATHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suggestions have been received from several quarters including various maritime State Governments for setting up shipyards in their states. A Techno-Economic Working Group has therefore been set up to evaluate both technically and economically, various sites proposed by the State Governments for setting up shipyards and to indicate the types and sizes, which can with advantage be constructed at the sites recommended. A final decision will be taken after the report of the Techno-Economic Group is received.

Setting up of Research Projects by I.C.M.R.

*202. **SHRI P. M. MEHTA:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research will set up over 60 Research Projects in Fundamental and Applied aspects of reproductive biology in various University Faculties in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the main features of the proposed scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Medical Research has sanctioned over 60 research projects in this field.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.