

(b) if so, the main feature thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) Yes

(b) The following are some of the main features regarding the development of Paradip Port :—

1. To improve the handling capacity of the Ore Handling Plant an additional reclaimer for iron Ore has been ordered on the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation, Durgapur. This reclaimer is now expected to be delivered in December, 1972.
2. The work relating to the construction of general cargo berth is in progress.
3. Steps are being taken to complete the Port railway system expeditiously and orders have been placed for three diesel shunting locos on Chittaranjan Locomotive Works.
4. A 30 ton Bollard Pull Tug, crane-cum-grab dredger with two hopper barges, pilot-cum-water barge, are being procured.
5. 33 KV line for additional power demand of the Port is expected to be completed by December, 1972.

Increase in Tonnage of Indian Shipping to Carry Overseas Trade

5321. SHRI M KATHAMUTHU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is entitled to carry 50 per cent of its overseas trade in its own ships;

(b) whether only 22 per cent of the country's overseas trade is now carried in the Indian ships; and

(c) if so, what efforts have been made to increase the tonnage of Indian shipping to enable it to carry half of the country's overseas trade ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING & TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :

(a) Generally yes Sir.

(b) Figures for 1971-72 are not yet available, but in 1969-70 Indian ships carried 21.34 per cent of the country's overseas trade. In 1970-71 this declined to about 20 per cent due to :

- (i) ships added during the year were bulk carriers and tankers mostly engaged in international cross trade,
- (ii) increase in the volume of trade during the year which consequently lowered the percentage of trade carried in Indian vessels; and
- (iii) the normal scrapping of old dry cargo vessels engaged in overseas liner and other trade.

At the same time, however, we have greatly enlarged our fleet last year and, whereas in September 1970, we had only 179 ships in the overseas trade, the number went upto 191 in September 1971, and to 196 on 1st May, 1972. With this greatly increased tonnage, it is expected that the percentage of overseas trade carried by our ships should have gone up.

(c) To carry 50 per cent of the country's overseas trade we would need to build up an overall tonnage of approximately 60 lakhs GRT. This, in fact, is our tentative target for shipping during the Fifth Plan period. The Fourth Plan target for shipping is 40 lakhs GRT. As on 1st May, 1972, the operative tonnage has reached the all time high figure of 25.30 lakhs GRT. In addition to this, the tonnage on order is another 15.33 lakhs GRT making a total of 40.63 lakhs GRT. Old ships aggregat-

ing to 2.24 lakhs GRT are due to be scrapped before the end of the Fourth Plan. Therefore, the overall tonnage yet to be acquired during the remaining 2 years of the Fourth Plan to reach the Fourth Plan target is only 1.61 lakhs GRT. No difficulty is anticipated in achieving this target. It is hoped that the same pace will be continued during the Fifth Plan for achieving the Fifth Plan target

Promotion of Managers of all day Milk Stalls as Assistant Milk Distribution Officer

5322 SHRI S. M. BANERJEE Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2344 on the 10th April, 1972 regarding the channel of promotion for staff working at D. M. S. stalls in Government buildings and state :

(a) the number of Managers of All-Day Milk Stalls who have been promoted as Assistant Milk Distribution Officers during the last three years;

(b) whether any discrimination is made in the matter of promotion of Lady Managers to the post of Assistant Milk Distribution Officer *vis-a-vis* Males; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Nil. Only two vacancies of Assistant Milk Distribution Officers were filled during the period and both were by direct recruitment.

(b) All eligible candidates male and female, are considered while filling up the post of Assistant Milk Distribution Officers in the promotional quota.

(c) Does not arise

Amount Allotted to U.P. and West Bengal for Slum Clearance Scheme

5323 SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount likely to be given to U. P. and West Bengal for slum clearance scheme during Fourth Plan;

(b) whether the State Governments have demanded some amount; and

(c) if so, the amount required by them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c). The Slum Clearance Scheme is in the State Sector of the Fourth five year Plan. The Central assistance for all State Sector Schemes is given in the shape of block loans and block grant, without such assistance being tied to any programme. The State Governments are free to utilise such funds as they consider necessary for Slum Clearance and Improvement Scheme, out of the block assistance, keeping in view their requirements and priorities.

Variation in Working Hours of all-day Stalls of Delhi Milk Scheme Located in Various Departments/Ministries

5324. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2271 dated the 10th April, 1972 regarding working conditions of staff of Delhi Milk Scheme booths in the various Departments/Ministries and state :

(a) whether the working hours for the all-day milk stalls located in the various Ministries and attached offices have been fixed at 7½ hours a day (including ½ hour's lunch break) whereas