

bulk carriers of 60,000 tonnes and above; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to remove this handicap?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) and (b). At present, the major ports in India are not in a position to handle large ships and bulk carriers of 60,000 tonnes and above at alongside berths. But deep drafted vessels are handled for lightening into smaller vessels in stream at Madras and at Saugor Roads, about 78 nautical miles downstream of Calcutta. Due to this, large sized ships are cleared without delay. As part of the Fourth Plan programme, a new outer harbour is being built at Madras Port which will cater to ships of 60,000 DWT in the initial stage and 100,000 DWT eventually, At Mormugao and Mangalore the provision of iron ore berths capable of handling vessels upto 60,000 DWT initially and 100,000 DWT ultimately is under consideration. The new Dock system being built at Haldia will cater to vessels of about 60,000 DWT. With some capital dredging, Paradeep Port will also be in a position to handle vessels upto 60,000 DWT.

Foodgrains Policy Committee Report

*1229. **Shiva Chandra Jha:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the Foodgrains Policy Committee Report which have been implemented by Government so far; and

(b) the recommendations which have not been implemented with reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1081/67].

(b) The other recommendations of the Foodgrains Policy Committee are under consideration of the Government.

Cut in Rice Ration in Kerala

*1230. **Shri Kameshwar Singh:**
Shri A. Sreedharan:
Shri P. C. Adichan:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a 50 per cent cut in the rice ration in Kerala from the first week of July.

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to restore the cut in ration; and

(c) when the restoration will take place?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No, Sir. But actual issue was only 75 per cent of the admissible rice quantum of 160 grams per adult per day.

(b) The major portion of the rice available in the Central Pool is being sent to Kerala.

(c) It is not possible to say when exactly the issue of the ration of 160 grams per adult per day will be restored.

Reclamation of Chambal Ravines

5894. **Shri Baburao Patel:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have again urged the Centre to take up reclamation of Chambal ravines as a central Project;

(b) whether the Central Government have since considered the proposal;

(c) if so, the decision taken in the matter; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No fresh request has been received from the