

Marmagosa Port*309. **Shri Sequindra:****Shri A. B. Vajpayee:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning the establishment of a fast mineral ore loading facility at Marmagosa port;

(b) if so, the financial, technical and other details of this facility; and

(c) the salient features of other development proposals?

The Minister for Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) Yes, Sir, proposals are under consideration.

(b) The estimated cost of the facility is Rs. 24.20 crores. This will comprise (i) an iron ore berth capable of handling vessels upto 60,000 DWT initially and 100,000 DWT ultimately, (ii) a mechanical ore handling plant with a rated capacity of 6000 tonnes per hour and (iii) the requisite facilities for unloading rail-borne and barge-borne ore.

(c) It is also proposed to modernise the existing cargo berths, and construct a mineral oil jetty to handle 4 lakh tonnes of POL annually, at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.06 crores

Handling of Foodgrains at Ports*310. **Dr. Ramen Sen:****Shri Omkar Lal Bawa:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Ports in India lack bulk handling facilities of foodgrains and thousands of tons of foodgrains are lost every year; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to stop wastage of foodgrains in the Ports?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community

Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Food Donations to India*311. **Shri P. Gopalan:****Shri E. K. Nayanar:****Shri Umanath:****Shri Hukam Chand****Kachwal:****Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:****Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:****Shri M. R. Krishna:****Shri D. N. Patodia:****Shri R. Barua:****Shri C. C. Desai:****Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:****Shri Baburao Patel:**

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

(a) whether a large number of Voluntary Organisations from abroad are participating in the programme of food donation to India;

(b) if so, the names of those organisations and the quantity of food and food products donated by them during the years 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1966-67 with value thereof,

(c) whether Government approached these organisations for help;

(d) whether any foreign exchange was spent on these and if so, what; and

(e) how these donations have been utilised?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) It is a fact that a number of voluntary organisations have donated foodstuffs etc., for relief of scarcity in India.

(b) A statement showing details of food donations received by the Government of India from various voluntary and non-official organisations from abroad for relief of distress resulting from the drought of the years, 1965-66 and 1966-67 is laid on

the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library See No. LT-526/67]. Details of food donations, if any, received from voluntary agencies abroad during 1964-65 are not readily available. The statement does not also include food donations made by voluntary organisations abroad to organisations or individuals in India.

(c) No, Sir. The Secretary General of the United Nations and the Director General of Food and Agriculture Organisation, however, issued on the 11th February, 1966, a joint appeal to the World Community for assistance to alleviate the distress caused by scarcity conditions in India.

(d) Except for some ship demurrage incurred in respect of a consignment of rice received from Italy, no foreign exchange has been spent on these gifts.

(e) The gifts of wheat/wheat flour and rice were merged in the Central pool of foodgrains for issue to consumers through normal channels of distribution. The value of gifts so distributed is being credited to the "Scarcity Relief and Rural Development Fund" which is being created. Milk powder and vitamin tablets were distributed free in the scarcity affected areas of the country.

Famine in Madhya Pradesh

*312. Shri Manibhai J. Patel:

Shri Baburao Patel:

Shri G. S. Mishra:

Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Shri Nathu Ram Ahirwar:

Shri Atam Das:

Shrimati Agam Das Guru

Minimata:

Shri S. S. Kothari:

Shri M. L. Sondhi:

Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 43 districts of Madhya Pradesh State 38 have been officially declared as drought-affected areas this year as

against 27 districts in the previous year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the conditions in 12 districts have become extremely alarming;

(c) the relief programme undertaken in the drought-affected areas; and

(d) the Central allocation of foodgrains to the State in view of the conditions obtaining there at present?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahelb Shinde): (a) and (b). The Government of Madhya Pradesh have intimated that 38 districts in the State have been affected by drought this year. 12 of the districts are severely affected. Relief measures are being taken to keep the situation under control.

(c) The following measures have been taken by the State Government to provide relief to the people affected by drought:

(1) Relief works such as roads, irrigation works, forest works etc., have been started. According to latest reports 8,63,737 persons are employed on 5,818 works.

(2) Persons too old and infirm to do hard manual labour and other deserving persons are granted gratuitous relief at the rate of 8 kgs. of foodgrains per head per month. According to latest reports 35,009 persons are in receipt of gratuitous relief.

(3) Programmes for augmenting the supply of drinking water by deepening existing wells, sinking new wells, bunding nullahs and supplying drinking water through tankers and bullock carts etc. have also been taken up where necessary.