

(b) the reasons for the delay in implementing the recommendations made by the Gokhale Committee on Inland Water Transport in that regard; and

(c) when the project is likely to be taken up?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) to (c). So far as the Buckingham Canal Project for improvement of the Canal within the city of Madras, which was sanctioned in 1961, is concerned, all the civil works except the construction of the wharf at Mylapore have been completed. The work of construction of the wharf at Mylapore is in progress. The dredger required has also been purchased and commissioned from January, 1966. Some other schemes for improvement of the Canal are also under consideration of the State Government. These will be taken in hand after the schemes have been finalised and approved.

Employees of I.A.R.L

*699. Shri Lakhmu Bhawani:
Shri Wadiwa:
Shrimati Shyamkumari Devi:
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Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the I.A.R.L., New Delhi and its branches have been given notices about the termination of their services if they do not resign their posts and then join again a fresh with the I.C.A.R.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the terms and conditions of their new service with the I.C.A.R.?

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

Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Migra): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5828/66].

Development of Feed and Fodder Resources

*700. Shri M. Malaichami: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 293 on the 1st March, 1966 and state:

(a) the number of State Governments which have adopted the model scheme for development of feed and fodder resources;

(b) the amount of financial assistance given to these States so far; and

(c) the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) All States except Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) The scheme is eligible for 50 per cent grant under the Third Plan. In accordance with the revised procedure laid down by the Planning Commission, grants-in-aid are released to State Governments for Plan Schemes in the Animal Husbandry Group as a whole and not for individual schemes, on the basis of actual expenditure incurred by them.

(c) The progress made under various items of the model scheme upto the end of 1964-65 is as under:

(i) Fodder Dev. staff appointed	13 States.
(ii) No. of farms/plots taken up for the production of seeds and planting material of improved fodder crops and grasses	82
(iii) No. of farms taken up for pasture improvement work	67