

**Extension of Overbridge at Dumdum Cantonment Station.**

**1584. Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been made to extend the overbridge between platform 1 and 2 in Dumdum Cantonment station to cover the third platform and have an exit outside the station to enable passengers to have safe access without crossing the lines; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to extend the overbridge is under consideration of the Railway Administration.

**Kandla Port**

1585. { **Shri Kapur Singh;**  
**Shri Narendra Singh**  
**Mahida;**

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

(a) the schedule for the completion of Kandla Port;

(b) whether it has been possible to adhere to the schedule; and

(c) if not, what are the factors which have contributed to the delay?

**The Minister of Shipping (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). The major harbour works at Kandla Port were scheduled to be completed by the 1st September 1956. The date of completion was extended upto the 25th November 1957 mainly due to the following reasons:

(i) Decision of Government to allow six months to the Contractor for installation of machinery.

(ii) Non-receipt of controlled materials such as cement and

steel by the contractor in time.

(iii) Failure of the Sheet Pile Wall while the works were in progress.

(iv) Earthquake in 1956.

(v) Execution of additional works considered necessary by the Chief Engineer, Kandla Port.

The works covered by the contract were completed by the 25th November 1957, except for certain minor items.

**Plant Virus Research Institute**

1586. { **Shri Kapur Singh;**  
**Shri Narendra Singh**  
**Mahida;**

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

(a) whether the Central Government are setting up a Plant Virus Research Institute;

(b) if so, where and when; and

(c) the estimated cost of the project?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) to (c). A scheme for the establishment of a Plant Virus Research Institute at Poona at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 lakhs has been included under the Third Five Year Plan. The location has not yet been finally decided nor has an estimate of cost been prepared.

**Grassland and Foliage Research Institute**

1587. { **Shri Narendra Singh**  
**Mahida;**  
**Shri Kapur Singh;**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a