

(b) About 2370 acres.

(c) Nine new stations from Haldia to Panchkura, the junction station with the existing Howrah-Kharagpur Main Line.

(d) Yes.

Grapes

1699. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether fine grapes are being grown near Delhi; and

(b) whether Government are considering any plan or proposal to encourage the production of grapes to meet the large demand of India?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No. However, attempts are being made to grow some promising varieties of grapes on a small scale around Delhi.

(b) Extension of grape cultivation is included in the programme of fruit development during the Third Five Year Plan. The State Governments have been advised to grant long term loans at the rate of Rs. 1,500/- per acre to growers of grapes. The Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra and Mysore have drawn up plans for promoting grape cultivation.

Floating Dock

1700. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether any floating dock is being acquired either in Public or Private Sector?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): No Sir.

Loco Shed at Calicut

1701. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orders have been issued to shift the Loco Shed at Calicut to Mangalore; and

(b) if so, when?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). No, the Loco Shed at Calicut is not being transferred to Mangalore. The Locomotives at Calicut Shed are, however, proposed to be homed at Shoranur Shed.

Survey of Forest Wealth

1702. { **Shri Warior:**
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

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

(a) whether the scheme to carry out a comprehensive survey of the country's forest wealth has been implemented; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Not yet.

(b) The project on pre-investment survey of forest resources which is to be implemented with assistance from the U.N. Special Fund, remained under evaluation of the Fund authorities since 1961. The project has since been approved by the Governing Council of the U.N. Special Fund at their June, 1963 session. The Plan of operation is not however received from the U.N. Special Fund Food and Agriculture organisation. The work on the project will start only after it is received and approved finally by the Government of India.