

to allow their use under high pressure segment of pipeline. Adviser (PHEE) in the Ministry of Works and Housing has also suggested that the project can be reactivated on the basis of indigenous technical know-how and technology well tried out in the country and that the 60,000 metre pipes already manufactured could be utilised in the last reach of the conduit towards the city where the pressure will not be so high. The whole matter relating to the reactivation of the project, is under the active consideration of the State Government, who will take all these views into account.

(c) After the decision is taken approximately thirtysix months would be needed to complete the project from the date of recommencing the work on it.

(d) So far, Rs. 22.68 crores have been spent on the project. Revised estimates of costs are being worked out by the State Government.

Fishing Harbours in Goa

3014. SHRI EDUARDO FAIEIRO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to set up any fishing harbours in Goa; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of these projects and progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Fishing harbour is designed to facilitate operation of 250 mechanised boats of size ranging from 11—16 metres. It envisages construction of breakwaters, 440 metres of wharf, slipway with side slipping arrangements and shore facilities such as auction hall, water supply, roads,

buildings etc. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 289.36 lakhs.

The Government of Goa have been requested in January 1976 to confirm availability of the site and acceptability of designs and estimates relating to the project proposal. The matter is reported to be still under consideration of the Government of Goa.

Shortage of Exercise Books

3015. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of exercise books; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken to ensure supply of exercise books to the students at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b). No Reports from State Governments about shortage of exercise books have been received. However, to ensure easy availability of exercise books to students at the opening of academic sessions, 30120 tonnes of white printing paper has been allotted to State Governments/Union Territories for the quarter April-June, 1977 for conversion into exercise books. The paper mills have also been advised to give top priority to the requirements of the educational sector and to step up the production, if need be, in order to ensure that there is no shortage of exercise books.

U.G.C. Grants for Furniture and Building Expansion to Private Managed Colleges

3016. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state: