

Privatisation of Operations by Bombay Port Trust

1483. DR. DATTA SAMANT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bombay Port Trust has initiated privatisation of a part of its operations by handing over the management of the first of its seven container freight stations to a private multi-national company;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the broad terms of the contract; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Oilseeds Production

1484. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the timely onset of monsoon in the oilseed producing centres has brightened the prospects of a good kharif crop;

(b) if so, the extent to which the production of oilseeds and crops is likely to be achieved; and

(c) the steps taken to further improve it in coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Kharif, 1989 crop season is not

yet over. It is expected to reach the target.

(c) Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) are in operation in important oilseeds growing States for increasing the production of oilseeds. These schemes are likely to continue in the coming years.

Accommodation to Cultural Organisations in North Eastern Region

1485. SHRI ABDUL HAMID:
SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been allotted to cultural organisations in the North Eastern Region during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Impact of Opening of Nhava Sheva Port on Traffic in Bombay Port

1486. SHRI S.G. GHOLAP: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the opening of Nhava Sheva Port will have any impact on the traffic load in Bombay Port; and

(b) if so, to what extent the traffic in Bombay Port will be reduced?