

fication of rice and wheat crops to arhar, moong, cotton, soyabean, sugarcane, sugarbeet etc. Besides, the diversification of crops, the Committee has also recommended for the development of Livestock Enterprises, Expansion of Horticulture, Forest cropping, Development of processing plants for vegetables and fruits and wood processing industry in the State. The improved crop production technology is being propagated through the extension system and farmers are being motivated for diversification of farming system.

(f) The Committee has recommended 20% of the area under wheat and rice cultivation to be replaced with other farm enterprises.

(g) Soybean, Cotton, Sugarcane, Arhar, Moong, Vegetable crops, fruits and timber trees etc. are recommended by the Committee.

(h) The State is taking suitable action to promote the cultivation of these recommended crops through the extension system.

#### **Paddy Transplanter Machine Imported by Punjab Agriculture University**

5685. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Agriculture University had imported a prototype Paddy transplanter in 1985;

(b) whether it was found suitable for the farmers of Punjab after a field test;

(c) whether the University had recommended to develop it commercially so that it could be made available to farmers;

(d) if so, the progress made so far in this

regard;

(e) whether the manufacture of this machine has commenced;

(f) if so, the names of the firms which have started manufacturing it in accordance with model approved by the University indicating the number of such machines manufactured by them so far; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) to (g). Questions do not arise.

[English]

#### **Development of Calcutta Port**

5686. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan for the improvement and development of Calcutta Port has been drawn up;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof including the capital outlay involved along with the amount expected to be financed by Union Government and through intercorporate loans; and

(c) the progress so far made on the development work on container terminal at Calcutta Port?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRI SHNAN): (a)