

not related to any individual programme or scheme but it is provided in the form of block grants and block loans in the State Annual Plan as a whole. The discretion for allocation of funds to individual State Plan Schemes rests with State Government concerned.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Bihar	West Bengal	Uttar Pradesh
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<i>Animal Husbandry</i>			
State . . .	300.00	457.49	550.00
Central	8.39	70.67
Centrally Sponsored . . .	12.33	4.60	37.77
	312.33	470.48	658.44
<i>Fisheries</i>			
State . . .	200.00	295.29	90.00
Central . . .	2.00	203.00	..
Centrally Sponsored	6.21	..
	202.00	504.50	90.00

Loss Suffered by Calcutta Port during 1971-72

4720. DR. RANEN SEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Port have suffered a loss during 1971-72;

(b) whether there was a rise in traffic in that port during the same period; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the loss?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes. The Traffic handled by the Calcutta Port during 1971-72 was 7.36 million tonnes as compared to 5.96 million tonnes during the previous year.

(c) The increased traffic has helped to decrease the loss; according to the estimate made by the Port Commissioners, a traffic of 8.5 to 9.5 million tonnes is necessary to break even, after taking into account the contribution made by Government of India towards expenditure on river dredging and river maintenance.

Correctness of Data in respect of Family Planning

4721. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the data available with Government, the family planning has been more popular and effective in the country during the past few years;

(b) if so, whether according to data available with Government, the population has also increased considerably in the country during the same period; and

(c) if so, which of the data is correct?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU):

(a) to (c). The conclusions drawn at (a) and (b) are both valid. It is estimated that as a result of the family planning work done upto 31st January, 1973, 12.4 million births have been averted; the national birth rate has come down from a level of 41.7 per thousand in 1961 to 37 per thousand in 1971-72. However, the death rate has simultaneously declined more sharply from a level of 22.8 per thousand during 1951-61 to 15.1 per thousand in 1971. If the birth rate had