

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;

(c) the performance profile of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (R.C.F.) for the past three years; and

(d) the details of facilities provided/proposed for providing training in scientific and modern management to small farmers in Maharashtra by the R.C.F.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal of M/s. Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) for setting a methanol plant of 300 tonnes per day capacity at Thal with an estimated investment of Rs. 81 crores is being examined. RCF is also exploring possibility of becoming a co-promotor with M/s. Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Limited for setting up a methanol plant of 300 tonnes per day capacity in Tripura at an estimated cost of about Rs. 126.60 crores.

(c) The financial performance of RCF during the last three years is given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Profit (Rs./Crores)</i>
1	2
1987-88	53.17
1988-89	69.95
1989-90	38.10

1. M/s. CMB Lines
2. M/s. Blacksea Shipping Company
3. M/s. Odessa Ocean Lines

(d) RCF is conducting farmers' training programme through their training centre at Nagpur for scientific approach and modern techniques of farming, regularly to cover small and marginal farmers in collaboration with the Agricultural Universities and Government of Maharashtra. RCF is also undertaking rural development programme and providing soil testing facilities to the farmers free of cost through their mobile soil testing vans. In addition to the above RCF also supplies fertilizers at subsidised rates for demonstration, trials, etc. RCF also exhibits films in the remote villages of Maharashtra showing scientific management and modern methods of farming.

Modernisation of Jawaharlal Nehru Port

8125. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESH-WARI:
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jawaharlal Nehru Port will receive patronage of five major international shipping lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any modernisation plan is proposed for this port; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the financial implication thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). At present, the following lines are operating through Jawaharlal Nehru Port:

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| 1. | M/s. CMB Lines | Container |
| 2. | M/s. Blacksea Shipping Company | Container |
| 3. | M/s. Odessa Ocean Lines | Container |

4.	M/s Great Eastern Shipping Company	Bulk
5.	M/s Jayshree Shipping	Bulk
6.	M/s South India Shipping Corporation	Bulk

In addition, the following lines are likely to commence operation from June/September, 1990:

1.	M/s Merzario Shipping Company	(Container)
2.	M/s Maersk Line	(Container)
3.	M/s. American President Lines	(Container)
4.	M/s NYK Lines	(Car Carriers)

(c) and (d) JNPT have proposed to augment Container Handling Facilities such as stacking yard, container freight station and additional container handling equipment at an estimated cost of about Rs 65 00 crores

New Telephones Exchange at Chombala in Badagara, Calicut District

8126. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether land has been acquired for housing a new telephone exchange at Chombala in Badagar, Calicut District, Kerala,

(b) the model and capacity of exchange proposed to be installed at the new site,

(c) whether any complaints have been received regarding malfunctioning of telephone lines leading to Chombala; and

(d) the number of applicants for telephone connections on the waiting list at Chombala Exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA). (a) Yes, Sir, 0.236 Hectare of Land has been acquired for the construction of Telephone Exchange Building at Chombala in Badagra Kerala.

(b) A 512 Port ILT exchange is proposed to be installed during 1990-91. A bigger exchange will be installed at the new site after the building is constructed.

(c) The interdialling junctions and trunks circuit to Chombala are working satisfactorily. As open wire medium is provided, this is subject to interruptions

(d) At present there are 263 applicants for Telephone connections on the waiting list at Chombala Exchange.

Pension to Participants of Mahe Liberation Struggle

8127. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons, who partici-