

As regards the decision to be taken, this matter is going to be placed for consideration before the All India Council of Technical Education as regards the policy that has to be adopted. The Council is meeting on the 21st and 22nd of this month, and after Government receive the recommendations of the Council, they will be able to take a decision.

SHRI R. V. BADE : May I know whether private institutions are run by trusts with Government aid, and if so, what is the total amount outstanding from them, and since when ?

PROF. S. NURUL HASAN : I have the figures here. If you like, I can read it out, but it is a longish list. As for the total amount, I will have to add up. If you like, I can lay it on the Table.

MR. SPEAKER : It can be laid on the Table.

Progress in developing indigenous ship designing

*432. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether no progress has been made so far in developing indigenous ship designing in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken, if any, to promote the development of indigenous ship designing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING & TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) A few basic designs for ocean-going merchant ships have been done indigenously, but capacity for designing sophisticated ocean-going ships has not yet been developed in the country.

(b) The main reasons are inadequate technical know-how, lack of technically qualified naval architects and marine engineers, and inadequate research, development and tank-testing facilities.

(c) It is proposed to establish a Central Marine Design and Research Organisation to pool the available talent and facilities.

SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM : Will the Minister tell us if Poland was the only country which came forward to help us to establish a Bureau, and if so, what is the reaction of the Government to it ?

SHRI OM MEHTA : Some time back, a Polish delegation was here, and some of our officers are going to visit Poland, and they are trying to finalise an agreement with that Government. We will try to enter into negotiations with them to have a India Marine Design Centre.

SHRI P. V. G. RAJU : May I know whether it is proposed to build bigger ships than are now being built in the Mazgaon Docks ? The present ships are only 18,000 to 22,000 tonnes. Can we have still bigger ships in India ?

SHRI OM MEHTA : Yes, we are going to have another shipyard at Cochin, where bigger ships will be built.

SHRI P. V. G. RAJU : What will be the size of the ships built in Cochin ?

SHRI OM MEHTA : It will be 66,000 to 80,000 tonnes deadweight.

Development of a variety of Maize comparable to skimmed milk in Nutrition

*434. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute has produced two varie-