

**Authority to look after the functioning of Ports**

1258. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a single authority to look after the functioning of the different ports in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The question of setting up a single Port Authority has been under examination by the Government.

**Food-Gains production in the country**

1259. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of food grains during the last year in the country and the production estimated for the next year; and

(b) what are the steps being taken by Government to raise the production of food grains during the ensuing year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) During the year 1981-82 production of foodgrains in the country was 133.1 million tonnes. For the year 1982-83 estimated of production have yet to be received from the State Governments, but on the basis preliminary reports foodgrains production in the current year is likely to be 5 to 8 million tonnes less than last year.

(b) Government have made efforts to increase the production of foodgrains by extending irrigation coverage and ensuring timely availability of all inputs such as HYV seeds, fertilizers & pesticides, diesel electricity and canal water for various agricultural operations. In addition, the Government have also been distributing minikits and holding demonstrations for

imparting knowledge of latest sowing techniques to the farmers. Steps have also been taken to promote improved techniques of dryland farmings. Government have also been deputing study teams to the various States to assist them in removing any bottlenecks faced by the farmers in various agricultural operations.

**Installation of statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru in New Delhi**

1260. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

SHRI GHAN SHAYAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to instal the statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details regarding the sculpture, the design and the material and the size of the statues; and

(c) whether the final date has been fixed for the installation of the statues?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF):

(a) A decision has been taken to instal statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the India Gate complex.

The Sub-Committee on Statues in Parliament House premises has indicated installation of statues of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru in the Parliament House complex.

(b) Mahatma Gandhi's statue is proposed to be of 4 1/4 times of the life size in sitting meditative pose in bronze, for which the model submitted by Shri Ram V. Sutar, sculptor, is under consideration.

Modalities of the statue of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru are yet to be worked out.

(c) No, sir.