

three years. This has been due to the increase in the cost of raw materials, wages, power etc., besides the rise in the cost of imported fertilisers, pesticides etc.

implementation of Pay scales of school teachers as recommended by the Kothari Commission

♦231. SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state the number of States which have, during Fourth Five Year Plan period implemented pay scales in respect of primary and secondary school teachers as recommended by the Kothari Commission?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): All States except four are considered to have implemented the Kothari Commission's recommendations in respect of Primary School teachers. In the case of Secondary school teachers all States except six can be considered to have implemented the recommendations.

Development of Paradeep Port

*232. SHRI K. B. CHETTRI:

vSHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN:

DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI:

SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI:

DR. V. A. SEYID MUHAMMAD:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the works on Paradeep Port:

(b) whether the financial allocation during the Fourth Five Year Plan for the Port was utilised in full: and

(c) what are the main proposals in this regard for the Fifth Five Year Plan period and the outlay involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING & TRANSPORT SHRI KAMLAPATI TRI-

PATHI): (a) The progress of the main works at Paradeep Port is as under:—

General Cargo Berth.—The construction has almost been completed. Dredging operations in front of the cargo berth are expected to be taken up soon. The berth is expected to be commissioned in early, 1975.

Railway siding.—Port railway is likely to be completed during the next financial year.

Slipway.—Civil works are nearing completion. Action has been initiated to procure mechanical equipment for the slipway.

Iron Ore Handling Plant.—Consultant's Project Report has been received recently. It is under scrutiny.

Seawall.—Contracts for all the reaches have been awarded.

(b) Loans amounting to Rs. 1620 lakhs released in the Fourth Plan have been fully utilised by the Port.

(c) The following are the more important features of development of Paradeep Port envisaged in the Fifth Plan: —

(i) Completion of the construction of cargo berth.

(ii) Acquisition of floating craft (tugs, launches and barges).

(iii) Completion of the sea-walls and repairs to breakwater.

(iv) Procurement of navigational aids.

(v) Modification of the ore handling plant to cater to the export of four million tonnes of iron ore. (The total outlay in the draft Fifth Plan is Rs. 16.25 crores, out of which about one-seventh will spill over to the Sixth Plan).

Inland Water Transport via Bangladesh

*233. DR. R. K. CHAKRAVARTI:

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA: DR. V. A. SEYID MUHAMMAD: SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed plan for inland water transport via Bangladesh has been finalised; and