

बासमती चावल की कुछ और मात्रा का निर्यात किया जायेगा। गेहूं का निर्यात नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) पता चला है कि अखिल भारतीय बन्दरगाह तथा गोदी कर्मचारी संघ ने 6-8-73 को बहिष्कार करने के निर्णय को वापिस ले लिया है। तथापि, उन्होंने अपने निर्णय को दोहराया है कि बासमती चावल के निर्यात की इजाजत न दी जाए। अध्यक्ष बम्बई बन्दरगाह ट्रस्ट से अनुरोध किया गया है कि वे संघ का ध्यान इस तथ्य की ओर आकर्षित करें कि बढ़िया बासमती चावल की सीमित मात्रा के निर्यात का उपलब्धता या बम्बई के लोगों के लिए आवश्यक खाद्यान्नों की व्यवस्था करने पर किसी प्रकार का असर नहीं पड़ेगा जिससे वे इस स्थिति से अवगत हो जाएं और बासमती चावल के लदान के बारे में अपनी बहिष्कार की धमकी वापस ले लें।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) A quantity of 1047 tonnes of superior basmati rice has been exported during the last three months viz. June to August 25, 1973. Some more quantities of basmati rice may be exported during 1973-74. No wheat has been exported.

(b) The All India Port and Dock Workers Federation was reported to have withdrawn the boycott on 6-8-73. It has, however, reiterated its decision not to permit export of basmati rice. The Chairman, Bombay Port Trust, has been requested to draw the attention of the Federation to the fact that limited quantity of superior basmati rice would not have any effect on the availability or provision of necessary foodgrains to the people of Bombay so that they may appreciate the position and withdraw their threat of boycott in respect of loading basmati rice.]

[] English translation.

Ratnagiri Intermediate Port

1333. SHRI VLTHAL GADGIL :
SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR
ADIVAREKAR : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the development of Ratnagiri Intermediate Port and particularly construction of Breakwater Wall and Jetty has been held up for over 17 years;

(b) whether additional funds will be made available by Government of India to the Government of Maharashtra for the construction; and

(c) whether the Public Sector Aluminium Project at Ratnagiri is held up due to lack of proper port facilities at Ratnagiri ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) No. The Ratnagiri Port is being developed with Central loan assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

(b) Presumably the Honourable Member has in view the request of the Government of Maharashtra for additional funds for the extension of the breakwater wall in Ratnagiri port from 1,500 ft. to 1,900 ft. as also the provision of a passenger-cum-cargo jetty. The jetty in question has been agreed to in principle. The views of the Government of Maharashtra regarding the extension of the breakwater wall will be given due consideration in the light of technical and economic aspects of the question.

The question of making available additional funds to the Government of Maharashtra for the work of extension of breakwater will arise thereafter only.

(c) The Committee appointed by the Government to look into the transportation and handling problems relating to the Ratnagiri Aluminium project felt that Ratnagiri Port would not serve the Aluminium Project to any great extent, particularly during the production stage.

The Aluminium Project is not held up on account of the breakwater wall.