

Figures in paranthesis show the expenditure incurred on maintenance of buildings, lawns, loads, etc., of the Rashtrapati Niwas out of the grants given to the Institute. For 1971-72, complete information in this regard will be available only towards the end of the current financial year.

HALDIA PORT PROJECT

*371. SHRI MAHITOSH PURA-KAYASTHA.
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT/संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री be pleased to state the progress made in the Haldia Port Project and by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIP PINGAND TRANSPORT;
संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री

STATEMENT

Eighty-five per cent of the land has been acquired. About half of the dredging work has been completed. The oil jetty was commissioned in August 1968. The construction of the Dock system is in progress. The ore and coal loading plants for installation in the Dock for mechanical handling of ore and Coal are being fabricated by the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Durgapur. Seven 650 H. P. Broad Gauge Locomotives have already been purchased from Chittaranjan Locomotive Works. Cranes for transporter cranes and container cranes have been placed. As regards erection of various electrical equipment and accessories Work is in progress. Four Dock tugs and one tug-cum-fire float are being manufactured by Garden Reach Workshops Ltd., Calcutta. A contract for the construction of an estuarian dredger has been awarded to Garden Reach Workshops Ltd., Calcutta and is intended to do intensive dredging in the channel between Haldia and the sea to enable deep-drafted vessels to come to Haldia. Road and temporary railway conn;c-

tions to worksites and important points are mostly completed. Construction of residential quarters, work of drainage, Water supply etc. are in progress.

2. According to latest indication the Project is expected to be completed by April, 1973. The estuarian dredger is expected to be delivered in June 1974.

ALLOTMENT OF QUARTERS TO THE STAFF OF PARLIAMENT SECRETARIATS

*372. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING/निर्माण और आवास मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have*

allotted some houses on *ad hoc* basis to the staff of the Parliament Secretariat in the recent past;

(b) if so, the number of houses allotted so far to the staff of each Secretariat and the number of houses proposed to be allotted during the current and the next financial year; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the quota of houses to the respective Secretariats?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING/निर्माण और आवास मंत्री (SHRI UMA SHANAER DIKSHIT): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Four houses from the general pool have been allotted to the key personnel of the Lok Sabha Secretariat in the recent past. It has been decided to allot 61 houses to the key personnel of the Lok Sabha Secretariat and 40 houses to the key personnel of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, on the recommendations of each Secretariat, in a phased programme within a period of Six months depending on the availability of vacancies.

(c) No such proposal is at present under consideration.

INDIA'S VICTORY IN CRICKET OVER ENGLAND

373. SHRI THILLA1 VILLALLAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE/शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state : (a) whether this is the first time that India succeeded against England in cricket; and