

consider a second collaborator or a second production unit in India for the manufacture of Diesel locomotives.

SECOND SHIPYARD

f DR. A. SUBBA RAO: ♦37. / SHRI P. A. SOLOMON: / SHRI MAHABIR DASS:

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

(a) whether the negotiations for technical collaboration for setting up of the second shipyard at Cochin have made any progress; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position?

THE MINISTER OF SHOPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): The matter is under the active consideration of the Government and it would not be proper at this stage to disclose details. In due course, when the time is ripe, Parliament will have full information on the subject.

STEPPING UP OF PRODUCTION OF CASHEW AND SPECIES

*38. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for stepping up of production of cashew and species during the Third Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) During the Third Five Year Plan period a sum of Rs. 2.40 crores has been earmarked for the development of Cashew, Pepper and Cardamom in various States. Development schemes involving largely the extension of area of these crops have been

initiated in various States and the following targets to bring additional area under these crops have been fixed: —

Crop	Target
	(additional acres)
1. Cashew	8,00,000
2. Pepper	16,700
3. Cardamom	11,200

In addition, some schemes for development of Ginger have also been taken up in the Third Five Year Plan period.

RAJASTHAN CANAL

*39. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that appeared in the Press to the effect that faulty bricks and inferior quality of cement were being used in the construction work of the Rajasthan Canal;

(b) whether any investigation has been made into these allegations; and

(c) if so, what are the results of the investigation?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (HAFIZ MOHAMMAD IBRAHIM) : (a) On a surprise visit on 1st July, 1962, Deputy Minister for Irrigation and Power, Punjab, found some under-burnt bricks being used for lining at a point about 56 miles from Harike of the Rajasthan Feeder.

(b) and (c) Punjab Government has ordered an enquiry to investigate into the matter. Findings are awaited. The Sub-Divisional Officer and the Sectional Officer in charge of these reaches, have been placed under suspension.