

the name of the parties, amount of land acquired and why we require that etc.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You thought that you had given a long statement and that there would be no questions'.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It is a long statement containing all information.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Has the Government's attention been drawn to an article in the paper 'Nawjawan Mazdur' Delhi, dated 28-11-57, regarding the acquisition of colony lands and sanction of lay out?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I cannot catch him. For shortage of time, I shall meet him immediately after ■Question Hour. The whole statement is really much more exhaustive.

KANDLA PORT

•318. SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total cargo handled by the Kandla Port (Kutch) in August, September and October, 1957 respectively exclusive of oil cargo;
- (b) the States which have so far utilised Kandla port for their trade; and
- (c) whether any modern facilities for lifting cargo have been provided in the new port?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Rajasthan, Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bombay.

(c) Yes, Sir.

STATEMENT

Total cargo handled by Kandla Port during August, September and October, 1957.

The total cargo handled by the Port of Kandla during August, September

and October 1957, excluding oil, is as under:—

Month	Total cargo handled (In tons)	
August 1957	..	57,106
September 1957	..	24,077
October 1957	..	27,447
TOTAL	..	1,08,630

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Is it a fact that four berths now opened in this port are able to handle five boats at a time alongside and load and unload 30,000 to 40,000 tons per week?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: That is correct, Sir.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Is it also a fact that for the last month or the previous month, hardly four to five boats touched this new port, while 25 to 30 boats could have touched this port and all that cargo could have been handled by this port?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: That is also quite correct. But the point is, if the traffic is not available, well, what can we do? I mean nothing special can be done. For the information of the hon. Member I may say that even berths in Bombay and Calcutta Ports are lying vacant all these days, for the last one month or so.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Is it not a fact that the bulk of the cargo is owned by Government in the public sector and Government could very easily direct all this cargo to be handled through this port, at least from the zone which is allotted to this port?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: That is true, but it is not the Transport Ministry which generally imports goods and cargo from other countries. Other Ministries are primarily doing that and we have been requesting the other Ministries to help us in this matter. Recently, there had been a discussion especially with the Commerce Ministry and the Railway Ministry and it is hoped that it would be possible to divert some goods to the Kandla port.