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No. 19-P (53)/47.—The Government of India are pleased to constitute an expert committee known as “The West Coast Major Port Development Committee” to carry out the following two investigations:—

I. (a) whether a deep-sea port on the stretch of coast covering Kathiawar and Cutch for the accommodation of ships of large size and tonnage at all seasons of the year is required;

(b) if so, where it should be sited, having regard to construction and maintenance costs, allied transport developments, possibilities of developing existing ports and the needs of the entire area to be served.

II. (a) whether a deep-sea port between Mormugao and Cochin for the accommodation of ships of large size and tonnage at all seasons of the year is required;

(b) if so, where it should be sited, having regard to economy of construction and maintenance of the port and allied transport developments required and having regard to the needs of the entire area; also what measures are necessary for establishing it;

(c) what improvements are necessary in communications to the existing ports; also what other measures should be taken for the development or provision of additional facilities in these ports as may be found necessary or desirable.

2. The composition of the committee will be as follows:—

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The General Manager, B. B. & C. I. Railway, Bombay, for the former investigation, and the General Manager, M. & S. M. Railway for the latter.

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Mr. V. V. Bhide, Secretary to the General Manager, B. B. & C. I. Railway, Bombay—*Secretary*.

3. The committee is requested to submit its recommendations to Government before the end of April, 1948.

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