

**Shri Buta Singh:** They did not purchase it because they did not have the finances for it.

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** I do not think finance stood in the way.

**श्री रामेश्वरानन्द :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि पंजाब सरकार खाने के लिये और बीज के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को जो गेहूँ दे रही है वह किस मूल्य पर दे रही है और उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार उस गेहूँ को किसानों को किस मूल्य पर देगी और क्या वह सरकारी दुकानों से मिलेगा या वह प्राइवेट मिलेगा ?

**प्रथम महोदय :** माननीय सदस्य ने अगर जरा ध्यान से सुना होता तो यही सबाल बिलकुल सरदार इकबाल सिंह ने किया था ।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS

Sugar Scarcity in Delhi

- \*186. { **Shri B. P. Yadava:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri Bishanchander Seth:**  
**Shri Dhaon:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:**  
**Shri Chandak:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the assurance given by Government the scarcity of sugar continues in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that sugar is not available in the market and specially in the month of June there was no sugar in Delhi for about 15 days; and

(c) in view of this failure what action Government have decided to take to check the prices as well as to make available sufficient sugar in the capital?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3117/64.]

Import of Foodgrains

- \*187. { **Shri Namliar:**  
**Shri M. N. Swamy:**  
**Dr. Saradish Roy:**  
**Shri P. Kunhan:**  
**Shri Imbichbava:**  
**Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:**  
**Dr. Ranen Sen:**  
**Shri Vishram Prasad:**  
**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Hem Raj:**  
**Shri Bishwanath Roy:**  
**Shri Kapur Singh:**  
**Shri Solanki:**  
**Shri Buta Singh:**  
**Shri Narasimha Reddy:**  
**Shri J. B. S. Bist:**  
**Shrimati Renuka Ray:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:**  
**Shri R. S. Pandey:**  
**Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**  
**Shri Baswant:**  
**Shri B. K. Das:**  
**Shrimati Renuka Barketaki:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into any new deal in recent months with some foreign countries to import foodgrains; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pakistan 70,000 tons of rice; Thailand 10,000 tons of rice; Australia 75,000 tons of wheat; Canada 86,300 tons of wheat.

The import from Pakistan is to be under a barter arrangement and

from Canada under the Colombo Plan Aid. Agreements are also shortly going to be signed with Cambodia for the import of 10,000 tons of rice and with U.S.A. for the import of wheat and rice under PL-480 during 1964-65. The agreement with Thailand has already been signed.

**Radio Officers of I.A.C.**

- \*188. { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
 Shri Vishram Prasad:  
 Shri B. K. Das:  
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
 Shri S. C. Samanta:  
 Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
 Shri Mohan Swarup:  
 Shri A. S. Saigal:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Radio Officers of the Indian Airlines Corporation have decided to adhere to the international convention of flying 80 hours a month as a protest against the non-fulfilment of their demands;

(b) if so, what were their demands; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to see that public is not inconvenienced off and on by such demands?

**The Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Kanungo):** (a) The All India Radio Officers Association had notified the Corporation to introduce flight time|duty time limitations and discontinue through flight inspection of radio equipment with effect from 8-7-1964;

(b) Their charter of demands related to revision of scales of pay and allowances and other service conditions.

(c) It is the aim of the Corporation to arrive at amicable settlement by negotiations.

**Buffer Stock of Rice, Wheat and Sugar**

- \*189. { Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
 Shri Bagri:  
 Shri M. Rampure:  
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 503 on the 10th March, 1964 and state:

(a) the amount of buffer stocks of wheat, rice and sugar that have already been created by Government and also by various State Governments taken together with a view to regulating the distribution and sale of these commodities at reasonable prices and at what cost;

(b) the extent of such stocks to be created and maintained by the Central and State Governments; and

(c) the steps being taken to raise these stocks to the desired levels?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) to (c). As already stated in reply to Question No. 503 answered on the 10th March, 1964, the Government of India does not hold any stocks of sugar. State Governments also do not hold any stock of sugar on their own account. The Government of India propose to build in the course of time buffer stocks of 4 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of rice. Steps have been taken to step up import of foodgrains for distribution through fair price shops and also for building buffer stocks. It is not in public interest to disclose the present stocks of foodgrains available with the Government.