

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.