

(c) Under the Charter Party terms, the discharge of foodgrains from tankers is free of cost to the receivers. Therefore, the grain is to be delivered by the tanker, free of charge, either ashore or into the barges provided by the receiver of the cargo alongside the ship. Consequently, in the double banking arrangement, discharge of foodgrain from tankers into the barges is free of cost to Government. The extra cost to Government under the double banking arrangement on account of the transport of the grain by lighters to the shore and unloading it there is on an average about Rs. 10.83 per tonne which is off-set by saving in demurrage on ships which is payable in foreign exchange.

New P. L. 480 Agreement

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 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Shri Kapur Singh:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri Dhaon:
 Shri B. P. Yadava:
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri Mahananda:
 Shri Solanki:
 Shri Narasimha Reddy:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 Shri M. R. Krishna:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
 Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri Mohammad Elias:
 Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:
 Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

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

(a) whether it is proposed to seek a new P.L. 480 agreement with the U.S. Government;

(b) if so, how much quantity of wheat and rice is likely to be covered under this; and

(c) whether any safeguards for the utilization of Indian ships for the transport of commodities from U.S.A. to India have been provided in it?

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

(b) and (c). As the agreement is yet under negotiation, it is not possible at this stage to indicate the quantities of wheat and rice that would be covered by it. As under the previous agreement, it is intended to provide in the new agreement that 50 per cent of the commodities purchased under PL-480 should be shipped in American flag vessels and the remaining 50 per cent in other flag vessels. To the extent Indian vessels are available, these would be utilised.

दिल्ली में दूध का अभाव

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 श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
 श्री यशपाल सिंह :
 श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती :
 श्री नवल प्रभाकर :
 श्री सुरेन्द्रपाल सिंह :
 श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :
 श्री विश्वनाथ पांडेय :
 श्री प्र० रं० चक्रवर्ती :
 डा० सारादीश राय :
 श्री स० मो० बनर्जी :
 डा० रानेन सेन :
 श्री बीनेन भट्टाचार्य :
 श्री विश्वाम प्रसाद :
 श्री पं० बेक्तालुबया :
 श्री अ० ना० विश्वालकार :
 श्री काशी राम गुप्त :

क्या साक्ष तथा कृषि मंत्र यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में दूध का अभाव अभी तक ज्यों का त्यों बना हुआ है ;