

cision was taken. However, the Secretariat of F.A.O. will no doubt consider various suggestions made by the speakers at the meeting of the Advisory Panel and initiate suitable action at the appropriate stage.

Haldia Port

- *561. **Shri Rameshwar Tanti:**
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has approved the Government experts' report on various aspects of the development of Haldia as a subsidiary Port near Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the extent of aid forthcoming from the World Bank for this project?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The report of the Study Group constituted by the Government to examine the traffic and other aspects of the Haldia project is now under discussion with the Appraisal Team sent by the World Bank.

(b) After the Appraisal Team has considered the matter and submitted its report to the World Bank, the Bank is likely to invite a Team of officers from the Government of India and the Calcutta Port Commissioners to go to Washington to negotiate the loan. It is not possible at present to anticipate as to how much loan will be available from the Bank.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा पकड़ी गई नावें

- *562. **श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :**
श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरबा :
श्री युद्धवीर सिंह :
श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धास्त्री :

क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने

करीमगंज के पार भारत की तीन बड़ी नावों को पकड़ लिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन नावों में क्या-क्या वस्तुएं थी तथा उनको वापस लेने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

परिवहन मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) :

(क) जो नहीं। आसाम सरकार ने सूचित किया कि 1 नवम्बर, 1965 को करीमगंज चुंगीघाट के निकट बंधी हुई तीन नावें पानी के यकायक बड़ जाने और तेज धार के कारण पाकिस्तान की ओर बह गईं।

(ख) सूचना के अनुसार तीनों नाव खाली थीं। राज्य सरकार मामले की ओर छानबीन कर रही है।

Import of Foodgrains in Indian Ships

*563. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 177 on the 24th August, 1965 and state:

(a) the decisions since taken to ensure import of maximum quantities of foodgrains under P.L.-480 and other arrangements with different countries, through Indian ships; and

(b) how much foreign exchange was involved for transporting such foodgrains through foreign ships last year, and how far the present arrangements are likely to result in the saving of foreign exchange this year?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The matter is still under consideration in consultation with the concerned Ministries.

(b) The Foreign Exchange incurred in 1964 was to the order of Rs. 47.4 crores. Small quantities of foodgrains under PL-480 were carried by Indian vessels. Our bulk carriers were mostly utilised on cross-trading to earn more foreign exchange than what they would have by employment on Indian trade. Thus the saving in