

member of a cooperative credit society is to be provided with credit on the basis of production requirement, subject to repaying capacity, the credit being given in cash and kind (fertilizers, insecticides, seeds etc.);

- (ii) increasing thrift deposits by members in the co-operatives which can be used to give loans to needy cultivators for purposes other than those directly connected with production;
- (iii) more efficient supervision by the central co-operative banks; and
- (iv) continuous programme of member education.

#### **Rehabilitation and modernisation of Sugar Factories**

**\*279. Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Bagri:  
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:  
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:  
Shri Vishram Prasad:  
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised its decision regarding the recommendations of the Committee on rehabilitation and modernisation of the sugar industry in India;

(b) if so, the nature thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Committee has made a number of recommendations and their

examination needs consultation with the interests concerned.

#### **Food Budget**

**\*280. Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Bagri:  
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:  
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:  
Shri Vishram Prasad:  
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:  
Shri Utliya:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food budget has been prepared;

(b) if so, its broad features;

(c) the names of the States which are surplus and which are deficit giving surplus and deficit in each case; and

(d) the arrangements made to meet the overall deficit during the year?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon):** (a) No, Sir, not yet.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) The deficit is expected to be met largely by imports of wheat and milo from U.S.A. under PL-480, importing whatever quantity of rice is available and can be purchased with the limited foreign exchange at our command and by importing wheat and other grains from other countries on the basis of favourable terms offered by many friendly countries.

#### **Foodgrains from Canada and Australia**

**\*281. Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:**

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri D. N. Tiwary:**  
**Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:**  
**Shri M. S. Murti:**  
**Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import foodgrains from Canada and Australia under the Colombo Plan; and

(b) if so, the approximate quantity and value of foodgrains likely to be imported?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Consumer Co-operative Stores**

\*282. **Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri Rajeshwar Patel:**  
**Shri R. S. Pandey:**  
**Shri Ravindra Varma:**  
**Shri R. Barua:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has prepared an interim report on the working of the consumer co-operative stores sponsored by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the main conclusions thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the summary of

findings is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5629/66].

(c) The trend of progress indicated in the report has been found encouraging.

#### **Production of Raw Cashew-nuts**

\*283. **Shri Warrior:**  
**Shri Vasudevan Nair:**  
**Shri Daji:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 821 on the 24th September, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the scheme to produce 3 lakh tons of raw cashew-nut during the Fourth Five Year Plan has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) Yes.

(b) A target of fresh planting of cashewnut on an area of 8.08 lakh acres was fixed during the Third Plan period. In addition, intensive cultivation measures were adopted in the Cashewnut plantations of earlier plans. The freshly planted cashewnut during the Third Plan together with the higher yield obtained as a result of intensive measures in old plantations and adoption of more efficient collection methods is expected to give annual production of 3.28 lakh tonnes by the end of the Fourth Plan period.

#### **Haldia Port**

\*284. **Shri P. H. Bheel:**  
**Shri P. K. Deo:**

Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former Transport Minister observed as reported in the Hindustan Times of 15th December,