

Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S.A. has agreed to give long-term food aid to India;

(b) if so, the main outlines of the agreement entered into for the purpose; and

(c) the terms on which this aid is being given?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Shinde): (a) The matter is still under their consideration.

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

Import of Foodgrains from U.S.A.

*388. **Shri Madhu Limaye:**

Shri Warier:

Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Shri Prabhat Kar:

Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri S. C. Samanta:

Shri Subodh Hansda:

Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Shri P. H. Bheel:

Shri Kindar Lal:

Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of U.S.A. have agreed to meet the entire food deficit of India during the current year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of U.S.A. have made arrangements for the speedy despatch of foodgrains to India;

(c) if so, the total quantity committed; and

(d) the detailed arrangements for despatch?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri

Shinde): (a) There is no commitment as such. However, the supplies of wheat and Milo under PL 480 are being continued from U.S.A. and supplementary funds have been provided from time to time under the Agreement of September 1964, for the purchase of foodgrains in U.S.A.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The last amendment to the PL 480 Agreement of September 1964 was made on the 5th February, 1966 providing funds for 2 million tons of wheat and one million tons of milo. The shipments have already started. It is expected that the above quantity of wheat would be shipped by April.

The shipment of the foodgrains is being arranged by the Government of India at topmost priority. Arrangements have been made to ensure that the vessels carrying the grain not only load quickly and sail without delay from U.S.A. but also are discharged quickly at our ports on arrival.

अमरीका के साथ पी० एल० 480 करार

*389. **श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री :**

श्री तुकम चन्व कछवाय :

श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती :

श्री श्रीकांठ लाल बेरवा :

क्या खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(ख) क्या खाद्यान्नों के आयात के लिये अमरीका के साथ किये गये नए पी० एल० 480 समझौते के अन्तर्गत कोई अतिरिक्त सुविधायें दी गई हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका स्वरूप क्या है ?