

ment Association has suggested for a separate and self-contained road budget;

(b) whether they have also suggested for two line traffic on the National Highways to avoid road accidents; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). The Government of India have not received any such proposal from the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association.

(c) Does not arise.

जहाजों से खाद्यान्न को उतारने के लिए आधुनिक मशीनें

* 1092. श्री विभूति मिश्र: क्या खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विभिन्न बन्दरगाहों में कितनी आधुनिक मशीनें लगाई जा चुकी हैं और कितनी इस समय लगाई जा रही हैं जिससे कि जहाजों से खाद्यान्न यथा शीघ्र उतारा जा सके;

(ख) प्रतिदिन कितना खाद्यान्न उतारे जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) इस कार्य में कितनी प्रगति हुई है तथा पहले की अपेक्षा इस समय क्या सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं और भविष्य में क्या सुविधायें उपलब्ध होने की संभावना है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य-मन्त्री (श्री गोबिन्द मेनन) : (क) से (ग). प्रश्न के भाग (क) और (ख) में मांगी गयी सूचना देने वाला एक विवरण सभा के पटल पर रखा जाता है। गैर मानसून महीनों में देश की सभी बन्दरगाहों पर कुल उतारे जाने वाले खाद्यान्नों की मात्रा

लगभग 40,000 टन प्रति दिन या 12 लाख टन प्रति मास है, आवश्यकता पड़ने पर इस मात्रा में बढ़ोतरी करने की सम्भाव्यता है। गत वर्षों में हमारी बन्दरगाहों पर अनाज हैण्डलिंग की क्षमता लगभग 25,000 टन प्रतिदिन या लगभग 7.5 लाख टन प्रति मास थी। [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया, देखिय संख्या एल० टी०—6029/66].

दिल्ली में राशन की सप्लाई

* 1093. श्री यशपाल सिंह: क्या खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में प्रत्येक परिवार को, जिसका मुख्य भोजन गेहूं है, प्रति मास एक किलो चावल दिया जाता है चाहे उस परिवार के सदस्यों की संख्या कितनी ही हो; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो परिवार के सदस्यों की संख्या के आधार पर चावल न दिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य-मन्त्री (श्री गोबिन्द मेनन) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) त्योहारों में विशेष पकवान बनाने, दुबल तथा बीमार व्यक्तियों आदि के लिये भोजन बनाने जैसी आवश्यकताएं पूरी करने के लिये गेहूं खाने वालों को चावल दिया जाता है।

Jayanti Shipping Company

* 1094. Shri Maurya: Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jayanti Shipping Company's London office has paid a sum of rupees nine lakhs towards arrears of Income-tax;

(b) whether the payment of this sum in foreign exchange was regular; and

(c) whether the company had obtained prior clearance from the Reserve Bank of India for this particular remittance in this manner and for this particular purpose?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir. Jayanti Shipping Company's London office have deposited £68,000 in the State Bank of India, London, and the rupee equivalent of this, viz. Rs. 9,05,095.32 has been paid by the State Bank of India, New Delhi, to the Income-tax Department on the 30th March, 1966.

(b) and (c). There is no restriction on the inward remittance of foreign exchange to India and, therefore, the question of obtaining the permission of the Reserve Bank of India for this remittance does not arise.

Cotton Production

***1095. Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of production of cotton fixed for the Third Five Year Plan has been achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any crash programme is in hand to step up cotton production?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Although the production estimates for 1965-66 are not yet available, indications are that there will be shortfall in the Third Plan target.

(b) The main reason for the anticipated fall in production of cotton was the erratic behaviour of monsoons and failure of rains in many parts of the country.

(c) There is no crash programme on Cotton. However, an intensive programme on Cotton is to be imple-

mented under the new strategy on Agriculture.

Agricultural Research and Education

***1096. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that low pay scales and inadequate research facilities have tended to drive out the best brains from agricultural research and education;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check the same; and

(c) the steps taken to accord top priority to farm research?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) to (c). A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6030/66].

Merger of Air Corporations

***1097. Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to re-organise, merge or reconstitute the Indian Airlines Corporation and the Air India in view of the recent breakdowns in air services both internal and international owing to indiscipline and strikes by their employees; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.