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

(b) Does not arise.

## Cargo Liner Services of Shipping Corporation of India

\*552. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to strengthen all cargo liner services of the Shipping Corporation of India to develop export trade during the Fourth Plan; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). The Shipping Corporation of India have drawn up a Plan for the expansion of its tonnage in different sectors. The matter is under consideration.

## Rice supplies to West Bengal

\*553. Shri Indrajit Gupta: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he has assured the West Bengal Government of additional rice supplies from Central stocks this year in addition to the one lakh tons promised earlier;
- (b) if so, whether this will avert the threatened cessation of rice sales from Modified Rationing Shops; and
- (c) the nature of discussions he had with the State Government regarding the latter's procurement policy for the forthcoming harvest season?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central supplies of rice are meant to supplement local procurement primarily for maintaining Calcutta rationing. (c) The discussions covered the pros and cons of certain proposals of the State Government.

## Import of Tractors from Yugoslavia

\*554. Shri Sezhiyan: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that import of 12 crawler tractors model T.G. 908 from Yugoslavia has been permitted through some importing firms for the use of the Government of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange involved;
- (c) whether the importing firm has applied for any increase in the import value due to devaluation; and
- (d) whether Government are aware that the profit margin for the importing firm on the supply of the crawler tractors to the Government of Orissa runs into several lakhs of rupees?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

## गो-हत्या पर प्रतिबन्ध

\*555. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री: क्या लाख, कृषि, समुवायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्री यह बताने की कृषा करेंगे कि जिन राज्यों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों में प्रभी गौहत्या होती है, उनकी सरकारों की गौहत्या पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाने के लिए कानून बनाने के सन्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा हाल में दिये गये सुझाव के बारे में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

साध, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री विग्ले) : अब तक 6 में से 3 राज्यों ने जिनमें गौहत्या पर ग्रांशिक प्रतिबन्ध है ग्रथवा बिल्कुल प्रतिबन्ध नहीं है, उत्तर दिया है। ग्रान्ध प्रदेश तथा ग्रासाम की राज्य सरकारों की