

missioners placed an order in April 1962, with M/s Simons Lobnitz Ltd., a Scottish firm, whose offer was the lowest, for the construction of two diesel-propelled hopper barges of 1400-ton hopper capacity, costing £712,450, inclusive of the cost of spares and incidental expenses.

Delhi Milk Supply Scheme

2445. { Shri Surendra Pal Singh;
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to collection of milk by the Delhi Milk Scheme from the surrounding rural area of Delhi, the rural population there is being deprived of milk, butter and ghee etc. for their daily diet, and that deficiency is already adversely affecting their health;

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme to set up their own dairy farms to meet the demand of the Delhi Milk Scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No. The collection of milk by the Delhi Milk Scheme from the producers of milk in the rural areas surrounding Delhi at an assured price has given them an incentive for the production of more milk.

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

Sugar Mill in West Bengal

2446. **Shri Subodh Hansda:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up another sugar mill in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether this mill is to be set up in public or private sector;

(c) if in public sector, the amount to be invested by Government; and

(d) whether this will be financed by the State Government or by Central Government?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No licence has been granted for setting up another sugar mill in West Bengal.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Home Treatment for T.B. Patients in Delhi

2447. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Municipal Corporation proposes to start a "Home treatment scheme" for the benefit of T.B. patients; and

(b) how far, the proposed scheme will help the patients who do not get chances of hospitalisation due to paucity of beds?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushilla Nayar): (a) The Delhi Municipal Corporation already have a "Home treatment" scheme for the benefit of T.B. patients. There is also a proposal to intensify the scheme further.

(b) The Home treatment scheme is expected to go a long way in reducing the demand as well as the necessity for hospitalisation.

Import and Transport of Food grains

2448. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foodgrains imported under PL-480 during 1961 and the first three months of 1962;

(b) the number of Indian ships used for importing foodgrains and the quantity of such imports;

(c) the railway wagons used for movement of foodgrains within the country; and

(d) whether Government have devised any scheme to use alternative transport, other than railway wagons,