

(c) the steps taken by Government thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The value of cane purchased up to 31st January, 1966 (season 1965-66) totalled Rs. 75.41 crores out of which Rs 56.20 crores had been paid up to the same date. Information whether any amount is still outstanding specifically in respect of cane purchased up to 31st January, 1966, is not available. However, out of total price of cane purchased during the season 1965-66 amounting to Rs. 194.69 crores, Rs. 194.05 crores had been paid up to 31st January, 1967, leaving an unpaid balance of Rs. 0.64 crores only. From this it appears that no amount would be outstanding in respect of cane purchased up to 31st January, 1966.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

#### Movement of Foodgrains within a Food Zone

80. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh form one food zone;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no restriction on the movement of foodgrains and food stuffs within the zone from one State to another State or Union Territory;

(c) whether it is a fact that Punjab and Haryana Governments have set up check-posts on their borders at Mangwal in Hoshiarpur District and Chakki in Pathankot District for the stoppage of the food trucks sent by the traders of Hoshiarpur and Pathankot markets to Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to remove these irregular check-posts by these Governments?

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

(b) Movement of foodgrains within a zone is free.

(c) and (d). Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Paradeep Port

81. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state the quantity of iron ore exported during the 1965-66 and 1966-67 so far through Paradeep Port to Japan and the amount of money earned thereby?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): During 1965-66 there was no export of iron ore from Paradeep Port to Japan. During 1966-67, 67,000 metric tonnes of ore valued at Rs. 47.81 lakhs approximately was exported upto the end of February, 1967.

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82. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for further expansion and improvement of Paradeep Port in the Fourth Plan period;

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the estimated expenditure; and

(c) whether any amount has been allotted for the year 1967-68 for this purpose?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) and (b). Proposals for the further development of the Paradeep Port during the Fourth Plan period are under consideration in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Ministries concerned. The proposals envisage an increase in the handling capacity.