

Foodgrains Requirement

1499. Shri Nhiraj Singh Chaudhary: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) foodgrains requirement of each individual per year according to the international standard;

(b) what percentage of population requires foodgrains;

(c) the daily requirements of foodgrains in the country per each individual; and

(d) whether the above demand is in excess of the international standard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) There is no fixed international standard of foodgrains requirement of each individual per year. Intake of foodgrains vary from country to country.

(b) In India everybody requires foodgrains.

(c) There is no uniform daily requirement of foodgrains per person even in India. The requirement of foodgrains by a person depends on his income, his food habits, the fact whether the person lives in rural area or in a city or town, etc.

(d) In the absence of an international standard and an Indian standard, it is not possible to say whether the Indian standard is in excess of the international standard.

Ships and their Tonnage

1500. Shri Baburao Patel: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ships and the total tonnage and their categories in India as on the 31st March, 1967;

(b) the names of various Shipping Companies and the number of ships and their tonnage owned or controlled by each; and

(c) the names of routes and countries to which the various ships serve company-wise?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) to (c). Three statements giving the requisite information are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-528/67].

Food Corporation of India

1501. Shri Baburao Patel: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) quantity of foodgrains procured and distributed by the Food Corporation of India so far since its inception; and

(b) how far the Food Corporation of India has been able to solve the food problem of the country?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Since its inception a quantity of about 26.5 lakh tonnes of foodgrains has been purchased by the Food Corporation of India upto 30th April, 1967. The Corporation undertakes purchases of foodgrains in different States either on behalf of the State Governments or for export to other States. Details of quantity of foodgrains distributed by the Corporation during this period are awaited.

(b) The Food Corporation has been set up to work as a public sector agency for the purchase and distribution of foodgrains, which is only one of the measures taken by the Government to solve the food problem of the country.

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