

**Import of Rice Mill Machinery from Japan**

1591. Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:  
Shri Sukam Chand Kachwal:

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

(a) the reasons for the import of rice mill machinery from Japan when the same is available in this country;

(b) whether it is a fact that in importing foreign machinery, Government had to incur a loss of rupees one crore and sixty five lakhs; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to stop such imports?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community, Development and Cooperation (Shri Anasahib Shinde): (a) The type of modern rice milling equipment imported from Japan is at present not available in the country.

(b) No, Sir. Purchases were made at the lowest quotation.

(c) Does not arise.

**C.N.I.C.E.F. Aid for Bihar Relief**

1592. Shri E. K. Sinha:  
Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee:  
Shri Y. A. Prasad:

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

(a) whether the U.N.I.C.E.F. have given any assistance for the drought stricken people of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the quantum and manner of such aid given so far?

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

(b) U.N.I.C.E.F. aid to Bihar has been as follows:—

Commodity	Quantity/value	Remarks
(i) Skim Milk Powder	3019 tonnes	
(ii) Corn Soya Milk	3445 tonnes	
(iii) Raw Material for production of	(a) 15.1 million doses of cholera vaccine (b) 6.6 million doses of TAB vaccine.	
(iv) Drugs and pharmaceuticals	Value Rs. 2.57 lakhs	
(v) Drugs and diet supplement sets	1063 Nos.	
(vi) Vehicles	48 Nos.	
(vii) Motor Cycles	327 Nos.	
(viii) Drilling equipment:		
Halco Tiger rigs	2 Nos.	
Halco Minor rigs	5 Nos.	
Chlorinating units	5 Nos.	
Water Analysis kits	10 Nos.	
Hand pumps with parts	133 Nos.	
(ix) Donations in the form of Multi-vitamin tablets, vitamin A & D capsules, Baby-food, whole milk powder etc.	Value Rs. 35.21 lakhs	