

COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). In connection with a proposed to construct trawlers indigenously the Government of Kerala have intimated a requirement of six trawlers, and the Central Government is taking steps to arrange the supply. A proposal for import of four more trawlers is under consideration.

FOOD IMPORTS UNDER PL 480

3916. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI M. L. SONDHI :
SHRI D. C. SHARMA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about half a million tonnes of PL 480 foodgrains still outstanding will not be delivered this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the U.S. Government has serious objections to the Zonal system prevailing in India; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) On the 1st December, 1967, about 9,74,000 tonnes of foodgrains, out of the quantities covered by PL 480 agreements entered into so far, were yet to arrive in India. Of that quantity, about 5,50,000 tonnes is expected to arrive by the end of December, 1967 and the balance in January, 1968.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

BUFFER STOCK OF FOODGRAINS

3917. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI M. L. SONDHI :
SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPA-
KAR :
SHRI D. C. SHARMA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which the stoppage of supply under PL-480 will affect the overall food position in India in view of a good crop this year;

(b) the programme of Government for building sufficient buffer stock of foodgrains; and

(c) the quantity of foodgrains which will be imported during the current year for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No stoppage of supply under PL-480 is expected.

(b) If the arrivals of foodgrains from abroad under PL-480 and commercial purchases materialize at the expected rate, it is proposed to build up a buffer stock of 3 million tonnes of foodgrains by the end of 1968.

(c) According to arrangements so far made, about 9.3 million tonnes of foodgrains will be imported during 1967, a part of which will be received in India in 1968. It will not be possible to utilize much of it for the purpose of building up a buffer stock.

LEVY SYSTEM IN STATES

3918. SHRI R. K. AMIN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the system of levy introduced in each State for the procurement of paddy during the current season;

(b) the proportion of total crop which Government propose to collect through levy, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons for different systems and different proportions of the estimated crop per acre in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT- 1971/67*].

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(c) The mode of procurement to be adopted by the various State Governments during 1967-68 Kharif Cereals was discuss-