

sistance in the form of remission of Excise duty. Each case will be examined on its merits.

IMPORT OF SUGAR

775. Shri H. S. Prasad: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries from which sugar has been imported so far during 1954, month-wise;

(b) its landing cost including the excise duty etc.;

(c) the amount realized from its sale; and

(d) the saving made by Government in these transactions?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) A statement giving the necessary information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 68.]

(b) The landed cost of 4.44 lakh tons sugar received upto 15th September, 1954 including import duty and the clearance and port trust charges is about Rs. 32.35 crores.

(c) and (d). The accounts have not yet been finalised. A saving of about Rs. 3.83 crores is, however, anticipated on the sale of 4.44 lakh tons.

अखिल भारतीय महिला खाद्य परिषद्

७७६. श्री सूर्य प्रसाद : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस वर्ष अब तक अखिल भारतीय महिला खाद्य परिषद् को कुल कितना अनुदान किया गया है ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): Out of the total grant of Rs. 1,50,000 promised for the year 1954-55, the Council has been paid so far a sum of Rs. 90,000 and sanction has been issued for the payment of a second instalment of Rs. 30,000.

DAMAGE BY FLOODS IN BIHAR

777. Shri L. N. Mishra: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loss sustained by the Indian Railways as a result of the floods in North Bihar;

(b) the nature of damage caused to it by the flood; and

(c) the steps taken so far to meet the situation?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) This has not yet been assessed.

(b) The damages have been mainly in the nature of washing away of banks, scouring of approaches to bridges and damages to bridges themselves.

(c) All the breaches have since been repaired excepting those, between Murliganj and Budhma, Dauram Madhepura and Methai and between Miles 6/5 and 10/5 in Mansi-Supaul Sections. These are expected to be repaired within the next few days.

SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS TO BIHAR

778. Shri L. N. Mishra: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give subsidised foodgrains to Bihar this year; and

(b) if so, the quantum of each variety of foodgrains given to Bihar so far after the 1st August, 1954 with the retail price of each?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). There is a scheme in operation under which, for the present, 10,000 tons of subsidized wheat would be supplied to Bihar Government for sale at the retail price of Rs. 12 per maund, and the Centre will also share