

ECAFE at Lahore (Pakistan) from 1st to 13th October, 1956, where the participants discussed about development of finance in an under-developed rural economy, savings and capital formation in Agriculture, the use of un-employed and seasonally under-employed labour, short, medium and long-term agricultural credit system, inter-relation between agricultural credit and marketing, financial aspects of land settlement and land reform, survey of rural credit and training of personnel.

2. In addition to discussions, tours of observation were also arranged by the Government of Pakistan during which important development projects such as the Thal Development Project and various Co-operative Institutions were visited.

3. The report of the work done at the Centre is still awaited from the F.A.O.

Smuggling of Wheat to Goa and Pakistan

*1381. **Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 200 on the 20th November, 1956 and supplementaries raised thereon and state :

(a) the number of merchants who have been blacklisted for exporting foodgrains from Bombay ; and

(b) what further steps Government proposed to taken in the matter ?

The Deputy Minister of Food (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). Supply of foodgrains to some was stopped and later the system of distribution was changed. Issues were made directly to retailers instead of wholesale dealers. As previously stated legal action could not be taken against any of the merchants in view of the difficulty in producing concrete evidence for prosecution in a court of law.

रड़की से बढीनाथ तक सड़क के लिये अनुदान

*१३८२. श्री भक्त बर्षान : क्या परि-
बहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में रड़की से बढीनाथ तक की सड़क का सुधार व विकास करने के लिये उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को विशेष (वित्तीय) सहायता

देने का निरधारण कुछ समय पहले किया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस सड़क के प्रत्येक अंश के लिये कितने अनुदान की स्वीकृति दी गई थी ;

(ग) उन अंशों के सुधार व विकास में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है तथा उन के लिये भारत सरकार कितन-कितन अनुदान दे चुकी है ; और

(घ) शेष कार्यों को शीघ्र पूरा करने के बारे में कौन सी विशेष कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री जलमेशन) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग). एक विवरण सभा की मेज पर रख दिया गया है । [बेसिधे परिशिष्ट ५, अनुबन्ध संख्या ५०]

(घ) काम को करने की जुम्मेवारी उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की है और उस सरकार को यह मालूम है कि यह काम बहुत जल्दी करने का है ।

Ships

*1383. **Shri Matthen :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether he made the following observation at the meeting of the Consultative Committee of shipowners on the 28th November, 1955 ;

"I would very much wish that we should plan for the purchase of 25-30 ships more within a short period to fill the existing gap in the coastal trade. The Transport Ministry is also exploring the possibility of getting a number of new, or even secondhand, ships from abroad".

(b) if so, how he has arrived at "the existing gap in the coastal shipping", which would necessitate the employment of 25-30 ships ;

(c) the tonnage in dead-weight tons which these 25-30 ships would carry during the course of a year ; and