

been received from the Rajasthan Government has not yet been finalised. No amount has yet been sanctioned.

(b) The proposed farm for breeding of pure-bred and crossbred fine-wool sheep is to be set up at Fatehpur in Rajasthan.

(c) Yes, Sir. In accordance with the provisions of the Fourth Five Year Plan exotic sheep, both of the fine wool variety and the mutton type dual purpose varieties, are being imported for the development of better sheep in the country.

(d) During 1972, it is proposed to import 2,680 Merino sheep from USSR at an approximate cost of Rs. 32.10 lakhs. In addition to the above import, 1,020 Corriedale sheep are likely to be received as gift from Australia under Colombo Plan.

#### Extinction of Kashmiri Stag and Steps for its Preservation

1176. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA:  
SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD VERMA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE pleased to state :

(a) whether Kashmiri Stag (Barasingha) is near extinction in the Valley as a result of indiscriminate killing by the inhabitants of the Valley; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to preserve the rare wild life in the Valley ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) For better protection of the wild life in the Valley game laws are being enforced strictly by the State Government and rare species including Kashmiri Stag, Leopard, Muskdeer and Brown Bear have been declared protected.

#### Luxury Passenger-cum-Cargo Ship

1177. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian built luxury passenger-cum-cargo ship has been launched recently at Bombay;

(b) if so, the passenger and cargo capacity of the ship ;

(c) the destination of plying of the ship; and

(d) whether some more ships are under building at the dock ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Capacity

Passengers	....	753
Cargo	....	1,500 Tons

(c) Service between India and East Africa.

(d) Yes Sir.

#### Failure of F. C. I. to purchase target wheat in Rajasthan and steps being taken to achieve the Target

1178. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Food Corporation of India has failed to purchase wheat as targetted at one lakh tonne in Rajasthan ; if so, the reasons therefor ;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to achieve the goal ; and

(c) whether some target for barley and gram has also been fixed for purchase of the same ; and if so, the broad outline thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). No State-wise target for purchase of wheat was fixed for the current Rabi season as wheat is being purchased by the various procurement agencies as a price support measure. As the market price of wheat in Rajasthan ruled higher than the procurement price fixed by Government, sufficient quantities were not offered to the Food Corporation of India for purchase at the procurement price.

(c) No target for the procurement of barley and gram by the Food Corporation of India was fixed on behalf of the Government. The Corporation had, however fixed the following target for meeting the requirements of the Defence Services and for sale to other consumers :

		Figures in tonnes.
Barley	..	20,000
Gram/Gram Dal in terms of Gram	..	1,47,000