

and 5th September, 1973 when it was near the South East African coast.

(b) No investigation into the cause of the fire was made by the Director General of Shipping as the vessel is a foreign one and the fire accident took place in foreign waters.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Freeze on Price of Farm Inputs

\*119. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been submitted to Government to freeze prices of farm inputs in the country;

(b) if so, the main points thereof;

(c) the time by which Government propose to take necessary steps in this regard; and

(d) the extent to which such a freeze will bring down the prices of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):

(a) No such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### Cochin Shipyard's contract with U.K. Firm

\*120. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cochin Shipyard entered into a contract with the U.K. firm of Scott Lithgow Limited for technical assistance in building of ships and training the Shipyard's personnel in ship building; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In accordance with the agreement M/s. Scott. Lithgow Ltd. will provide necessary technical documentation and consultancy service for the building of the first ship of 75,000 DWT by the Cochin Shipyard. They will also train certain personnel of Cochin Shipyard in their Kingston Shipbuilding Yard. In consideration for the services rendered by M/s. Scott Lithgow Ltd., the Cochin Shipyard has to pay a sum of £ 760,333 in addition to the salaries of their consultants who will be posted at Cochin, which are estimated at £ 350,000 in foreign currency plus Rs. 15,20,000 in Indian Currency.

#### Introduction of Irrigation (Pumping) Scheme on Barges

1002. SHRI K. KODANDA RAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Irrigation (Pumping) Scheme on barges is successful;

(b) whether it can be done only on perennial rivers;

(c) whether Government is thinking of introducing such schemes all over the country; and

(d) if so, whether there is any likelihood of giving priority to such schemes in the Fifth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF SHER SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Lift irrigation schemes constructed on barges are successful.

(b) It can be done successfully on perennial as well as subperennial rivers.

(c) These schemes are already being undertaken in parts of the country wherever concerned State Governments have found them useful based on Techno-economic considerations.

(d) Done emphasis is given for lift irrigation schemes (which include pumping schemes on barges also) in the proposals for minor irrigation schemes in the Fifth Plan.

### लद्दाख में एक बांध का निर्माण

1003. श्री कुशोक बाकुला : क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लेह, लद्दाख में पीने के पानी की कमी दूर करने के लिए इम क्षेत्र के ऊपरी भाग में खरजोंग नाले पर बांध बनाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह कब तक क्रियान्वित होगा ?

संसदीय कार्य विभाग तथा निर्माण और आवास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्रीम मेहता) : (क) और (ख) राज्य सरकार में सूचना की प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है जो प्राप्त होने पर मना के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

### Wind Mills for drawing water from Wells

1004. SHRI BHAGIRATH BHANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted a study-cum-feasibility report on the setting up of wind mills to help the rural housewives in drawing water from wells; and

(b) If so, the main features thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

### मोटे घनाज का चोरी-छिपे दिल्ली में लाया जाना

1005. श्री शिव कुमार शास्त्री: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मोटा घनाज जैसे मक्का, बाजरा आदि उत्तर प्रदेश से चोरी-छिपे दिल्ली लाया जा रहा है ;

(ख) क्या उक्त तस्करी पुलिस की सांठ-गांठ से चल रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में सरकार के पास क्या जानकारी है और उक्त अवैध व्यापार को समाप्त करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ग्रण्णासाहब पी० शिन्दे) : (क) से (ग). सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और मना के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

### Rural Housing Scheme

1006. SHRI BHAGIRATH BHANWAR: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the concrete steps taken to solve the rural housing problem and provide houses for the landless labour in the villages;

(b) whether the scheme is financed by the Central Government; and

(c) the amount allotted to various State Governments for the purpose and the number of houses constructed so far in each State?