

(b) There has been some reduction in the allocations. Allotments from the Central Pool are made every month, keeping in view the availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool, the needs of all deficit states, market availability, price position and other relevant factors.

Carrying of Cargo by Indian Ships

3386. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present, Indian cargo vessels carry 50 per cent of foodgrains from Australia to India, while on the other hand, on 10 per cent of Indian cargo from the Black Sea ports is lifted by Indian ships;

(b) whether ships carrying large quantities of iron-ore to Japan cannot return in full ballast to the country and are therefore diverted to other ports to lift goods from other countries; and

(c) whether India feels that if Indian ships carry only Indian goods, other liners might also retaliate either by refusing to lift Indian cargo or by charging more and if so, what are the alternative measures Government have to consider in such circumstances?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ships carrying iron ore to Japan are sometimes chartered on tied-run and return in ballast. Some times they bring import cargo from other countries also.

(c) Reservation of cargo for its own ships may not be economic as there may be more outward than inward cargo or *vice versa* in a country's overseas trade with other countries. Shipping being an international industry,

the availability of cargo for ships depends on the capacity of owners to compete for it in the international market. In respect of liner cargo, however, it is generally expected that the ships of a nation would carry 40 to 50 per cent of its overseas liner trade in its own ships. Therefore, augmentation of national tonnage is necessary and efforts are directed towards it.

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3387. श्री गंगा चरण बीक्षित : क्या कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार का विचार बड़े पैमाने पर ऊन कतरन और विपणन को अधिक सफल करने हेतु शिवपुरी के निकट एक केन्द्रीय भेड़ फार्म की स्थापना करने का है और राज्य सरकार ने इस प्रयोजन के लिये केन्द्र सरकार से वित्तीय सहायता की मांग की है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार का इस बारे में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी० पी० मीर) : (क) और (ख). जी, हाँ। मध्य प्रदेश में शिवपुरी में एक केन्द्रीय भेड़ फार्म स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है। इसके लिए शिवपुरी में स्थान का एक केन्द्रीय दल ने निरीक्षण कर लिया है और इस सम्बन्ध में राज्य से कुछ अतिरिक्त सूचना मांगी गई है।