(b) whether the demands for seeds by the State have been met in full?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). The Uttar Pradesh Government had asked for the supply of 2,000 quintals of Taichung Native-I and 200 quintals of IR-8 paddy seeds. Against this demand, the National Seeds has already supplied Corporation 1950 quintals of Taichung Native-I and 198.4 quintals of IR-8 paddy seeds to the State. The State Department of Agriculture has procured a quantity of 57,800 quintals paddy seeds locally for issue to the cultivators through their seed stores. The above quantities, together with 70,000 quintals of paddy seeds made available by the State Cooperative Department, are expected to fully meet the requirements of the State.

Conference on Rise in Freight Rates

5939. Shri M. R. Krishna: Shri Virendrakumar Shah:

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the representatives of the Shipping Corporation of India will attend the Conference in United States which will discuss the rise in freight rates; and
 - (b) if so, their names?

The Minister of Transport Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

Import of Tractors

5940. Shri M. R. Krishna: Shri K. P. Singh Deo: Shri P. N. Solanki: Shri S. S. Kothari: Shri H. Ajmal Khan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have entered into agree-

ment with foreign countries to purchase two thousand 20 H.P. trac-

- (b) the total requirement of tractors for the country; and
- (c) the total production of tractors from the existing tractor manufacturing units in the country?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The State Trading Corporation has entered into an agreement with a Czech firm for supply of 2,000 tractors of 20 H.P.

- (b) It is estimated that 1967-68, a total number of 25,000 tractors will be required.
- (c) It is expected that about 13,000 tractors would be produced in the country during 1967-68.

मध्य प्रदेश में बरमे

5941. श्री गं० च० दीक्षित : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे far :

- (क) केन्द्र ने मध्य प्रदेश को गत वर्ष कितने बरमे सप्लाई किये थे :
- (ख) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर नकारात्मक हो, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; ग्रीर
- (ग) यदि कोई बरमे सप्लाई किये गये हैं तो उनसे कितने एकड़ भूमि में सिचाई की व्यवस्था की गई है ?

लाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ग्रन्ना-साहिब शिन्दे) : (क) ग्रीर (ख). भारत सरकार राज्य सरकार को बोरिंग की मशीनें सप्लाई नहीं करती । विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों की मांगों के म्राधार पर उन्हें बोरिंग की मशीनों के आयात के लिए विदेशी मुद्रा दे