

**Import of Nepali Rice**

- \*323. { Shri Bishanchander Seth.  
 Shri Yashpal Singh;  
 Shri P. R. Chakravarti;  
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government have advised the Bihar Government to issue permits to the nominees of West Bengal Government to import rice from Nepal;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Bihar Government thereto?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Transit permits have been and are being issued by the Bihar Government incorporating suitable conditions.

**Farmers Exchange Scheme**

- \*324. { Shri Wario:  
 Shri Vasudevan Nair;  
 Shri Dinen Bhattacharya;  
 Shri M. N. Swamy:

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

(a) whether any arrangements have been made to settle agricultural families from other States in Madhya Pradesh under the inter-State farmers exchange scheme;

(b) if so, the number of families to be settled; and

(c) the States which have agreed to send agriculturist families to Madhya Pradesh?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) to (c). No. The scheme for "Exchange of Farmers" tentatively drawn up by the Ministry of Community Development and Co-operation envisages the exchange of young and enthusiastic farmers from

one area to another within the State, or from one State to the other, for short periods to get them acquainted with better agricultural techniques and practices from the experienced agriculturists, progressive farmers etc. Permanent settlement of these farmers was never contemplated. This scheme too has been deferred in view of the National Emergency.

**India-U.S.A. Shipping Service**

- \*325. { Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shri S. C. Samanta;  
 Shri Subodh Hansda:

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

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India have recently launched a new India-U.S.A. Service;

(b) if so, the frequency of the service; and

(c) the number of vessels put on the route?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Monthly.

(c) Five.

**Train-Truck Collision**

- \*326. { Shri P. R. Chakravarti:  
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Lucknow-bound North East Railway Parcel Express from Gorakhpur collided with a truck at the Daliganj level crossing on the 1st June, 1963 and completely smashed the truck;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the 13 occupants of the truck were seriously injured and some died in the hospital;