

because they shall also have to find out some capital etc.

**Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:** May I know whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent statement by a British professor at the FAO gathering in London that the PL-480 imports are the largest single factor responsible for the fall in foodgrain production in the country, and if so, whether Government propose to replace the PL-480 imports of cotton by imports of fertilisers?

**Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** We shall take advantage of this suggestion.

#### Micro-Wave Trunk Telephone

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\*617. { **Shri Heda:**  
           **Shri Brij Raj Singh-Kotah:**  
           **Shri Mohan Swarup:**

Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate to introduce the system of micro-wave in their trunk telephones;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme;

(c) the cost of the scheme; and

(d) when it will be completed?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) Yes.

(b) In the Third Plan, Micro-wave schemes connecting (i) Calcutta with North Bengal and Assam, (ii) Ambala with Chandigarh and Simla, (iii) Jullundur with Jammu and Srinagar and (iv) Calcutta with Kharagpur have been included.

(c) Rs. 2.77 crores.

(d) By the end of the Third Five Year Plan.

**Shri Heda:** During the Budget Session the then Minister, Shri Jagjivan Ram, had informed the House that the scheme would be taken up and Assam would be linked up with  
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Delhi by micro-wave before the end of this year. May I know the reasons for the delay, and when Government expect to connect this border area with the capital?

**Shri Bhagavati:** We have entered into a contract with a Japanese firm, and they will supply the equipment during coming year. Then, it will be possible to complete the scheme by the end of 1964. I am afraid that it will not be possible to expedite this scheme any further.

**Shri Heda:** May I know whether any firm date has been fixed for the delivery of the equipment by the Japanese firm?

**Shri Bhagavati:** The Japanese experts have already visited our country for selecting and finalising the site, and they will be sending the equipment as early as possible. It is not possible to give any firm date.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** In view of the fact that there is usually a breakdown in the present telephone system connecting Jammu and Kashmir, may I know whether some precedence will be given to the installation of this micro-wave telephone system?

**Shri Bhagavati:** We are going to have this micro-wave system extended to Jammu and Srinagar also.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** Will it be given precedence?

**Shri Bhagavati:** As a matter of fact, we have given preference to it, and it is going to be completed by the end of 1965.

**Shri Brij Raj Singh-Kotah:** May I know whether this system has been totally developed in India or whether the equipment is going to be imported?

**Shri Bhagavati:** We are for the first time going to import the equipment from Japan. Our research centres are doing the designs, and later on, they will be manufactured in the country.

**Dr. Ranen Sen:** Will the hon. Minister explain what is meant by this micro-wave telephone system? It seems to be something new.

**Shri Bhagavati:** It is difficult for me to explain all the details. But it is a radio relay system. It is called micro-wave system because the radio waves used are of extremely short wave-lengths.

**Shri Kapur Singh:** What is the difference between micro-waves and radio waves?

#### Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation

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- \*618. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri B. P. Yadava:**  
**Shri Bishanchander Seth:**  
**Shri Dhaon:**

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India also participated at the Third Session of Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation held in London recently; and

(b) the subjects discussed and the results achieved therefrom?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2138/63].

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** What contribution is being made towards this organisation by India, and what benefit is India gaining from this?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I cannot exactly give the amount that has been contributed. But the gain that we are getting from it is quite substantial, because this is a body at governmental level. This is an inter-governmental maritime consultative organisation which considers many points of common interest and also in regard

to the development of various things or relating to various features in shipping.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** क्या सरकार इस हालत में है कि सामुद्रिक एक्सप्लोरेशन के लिए सरकार को रशिया की इमदाद न लेनी पड़े, और भारत के इजिनियस इस काम को कर सके ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** सामुद्रिक एक्सप्लोरेशन से तो इस सवाल का कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है ।

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** May I know whether the development of first-rate modern ports was also a subject that was discussed at this conference, and if so, whether we have derived any benefit out of that?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I doubt whether the development of ports as such has been discussed at this particular conference. It deals with shipping as such. It has, of course, considered a subject regarding maritime safety, but not development of ports.

#### Rice Procurement Programme

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- \*620. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:**

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

(a) whether a larger rice procurement programme has been undertaken this season to build stocks of rice and maintain adequate supplies to various States during the ensuing year;

(b) if so, the size of the stocks to be built; and

(c) the modifications, if any, made in the procurement systems in various States for the purpose?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde):** (a) Yes, Sir.