

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The averages of the London Daily Prices (which is an index of the international price of sugar) for January, February and March 1968 are given below :—

| £ per long ton        | C.I.F. U.K. | 96° Basts |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| January               |             | 23.92     |
| February              |             | 23.50     |
| March (up to 10-3-68) |             | 22.29     |

(b) Sugar this year is being exported under the provisions of the Sugar Export Promotion Act, 1958. No subsidy will, therefore, be paid for the export of sugar in 1968.

#### SUPPLY OF BORING MACHINE TO ANDHRA PRADESH

4603. SHRI M. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that boring operations in Andhra Pradesh have been held up for long due to non-supply of Rig boring machines and iron pipes; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to relieve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). Government are not aware of difficulties in carrying out boring operations in Andhra Pradesh on account of the non-availability of rigs and pipes. At the end of the Third Five Year Plan, the State Government had the following fleet of boring machines:

|                               | Nos.       |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Hand boring sets.          | 92         |
| 2. Light percussion rigs.     | 23         |
| 3. Medium percussion rigs.    | 3          |
| 4. Light direct rotary rigs.  | 8          |
| 5. Medium direct rotary rigs. | 1          |
| 6. Caly rigs.                 | 3          |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>130</b> |

The Government of India have been assisting the State Government in the release of foreign exchange. During 1965-66, Rs. 16.94 lakhs in foreign exchange were released in favour of the State Government for import of 9 medium percussion rigs. The State Government has already acquired 2 such rigs and has placed an indent on the Director General, Supplies and Disposals for supply of 5 more rigs. During 1966-67 foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 20.00 lakhs was released for the import of 4 medium percussion rigs and two medium direct rotary rigs. The State Government have placed an indent only for the 2 direct rotary rigs. The State Government have indicated that during 1968-69 they would require 10 rigs; firm proposals from the State Government are awaited.

There was a proposal from the State Government for the import of 200 medium percussion rigs from Poland on a deferred payment basis. The proposal is under consideration.

#### दिल्ली में श्रमिकों के लिये रहायशी मकान

4604. श्री कंवर लाल गुप्त : क्या श्रम तथा पुनर्बाँस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में श्रमिकों के लिये बनाये गये रिहायशी मकानों की संख्या अपर्याप्त है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उनकी संख्या कितनी है तथा उनके लिये कितने अतिरिक्त मकानों की आवश्यकता है;

(ग) 1968-69 वर्ष में श्रमिकों के लिये दिल्ली में कितने मकान बनाने का सरकार का विचार है;

(घ) क्या सरकार का विचार एक ऐसा विधान लाने का है जिसके अन्तर्गत श्रमिकों के लिये क्वार्टर बनाने पर लाभ का कुछ भाग खर्च करना मिल मालिकों के लिये अनिवार्य किया जा सकेगा; और