

topography and the difficulties in transport of materials etc. However the cost is not as high as 3 to 4 times. On the average the cost of works in the hilly areas may not exceed by more than 50% of the cost of similar works in the plains areas.

(b) The existing ceiling for minor irrigation work is Rs. 15 lakhs. The works generally feasible in the hilly areas comprise of small diversion kuhls. These works are generally of small nature and the cost of such individual schemes seldom exceeds Rs. 5 to 10 lakhs. The Government, thus have no proposal to raise the limit for minor irrigation schemes in the hilly areas.

IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS

2272. SHRI HEM RAJ : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total quantity of foodgrains imported in the country since 15th August, 1947 and the amount involved therein till the end of 1967 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :

- (i) 83.9 million tonnes from 15-8-1947 to 31-12-1967.
- (ii) Rs. 3,662.1 Crores approximately.

✓ **गियों को एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य में से जाया जाना**

2273. श्री ब्रह्मानन्दजी : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विभिन्न राज्यों से पश्चिम बंगाल और बम्बई को हजारों गाय बछ के लिये भेजी जाती हैं ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य में गायों को भेजने पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाने का सरकार का विचार है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

ख. घ. कृषि, सामुदायिक वि. व. स. तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्न-साहिब शिन्दे) : (क) जानकारी सम्बन्धित राज्य सरकारों से इकट्ठी की जा रही है और यथा समय सभा के पटल पर रख दी यैगी।

(ख) और (ग). प्रश्न ही नहीं होते।

PROCUREMENT OF RABI CROP

2274. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the procurement of rabi Crop this year;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have also prepared any schemes for the procurement of foodgrains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). No. Sir. The Report of the Agricultural Prices Commission on procurement prices of Rabi crop is awaited.

(c) and (d). Schemes for the procurement of rabi foodgrains have not been received from the State Governments.

GAMA RADIATION TREATMENT TO FOODGRAINS

2275. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the places in the country where gama radiation treatment is being given to rice and other foodgrains; and

(b) the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :