

The State Govt. was also advised to obtain additional funds for construction of private wells/tubewells from the Land Mortgage Banks and also to explore the possibility of diverting savings, under agricultural sector, for minor irrigation purposes. The information received from the State Govt. indicates that an amount of Rs. 100 lakhs is being diverted for minor irrigation schemes and efforts are being made by the State Govt. to obtain additional finances from the Land Development Banks.

Supply of Foodgrains by Punjab

1746. **Shri Gulshan:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of wheat, gram dal, maize and rice despatched from Punjab to the various States on Central Government account from January, 1965 to February, 1966;

(b) the total quantity of imported wheat given to the Punjab by the Central Government during the same period; and

(c) the total profit earned by the Punjab Government in these transactions?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde):

(a) Wheat	171 thousand tonnes
Maize	47 thousand tonnes
Rice	309 thousand tonnes

No gram, dal is procured in or despatched from Punjab on Central Government account.

(b) About 164 thousand tonnes.

(c) No profit was earned by the Punjab Government in these transactions.

Increase in Freight Rates

1747. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karamahom Conference has decided to increase the freight rates covering the India-Pakistan-U.K. continent trade by 7½ per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir. On our import trade the increase will be effective from 1-6-1966 and on our exports from 12-8-1966.

(b) and (c). There has been no general increase in rates in the East-bound trade since 1961 and in West-bound trade since 1963. Since then working costs have been continually rising and the Lines have not found it possible to neutralise the increase through further rationalisation. In the circumstances, it was not possible to resist the increase. However, the reaction of the Indian Shippers is awaited.

किसानों को ऋण

1748. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या साह, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री 16 नवम्बर, 1965 के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या 640 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय सहकार विकास निगम द्वारा नियुक्त किये गये कार्यकारी दल ने इस बीच अपना प्रतिवेदन दे दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी मुख्य-मुख्य बातें क्या हैं;

(ग) उन पर विचार करने के पश्चात् सरकार ने क्या निष्कर्ष निकाले हैं; और