

ture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has proposed to the Government of Japan for their help in transporting food to India to combat famine;

(b) if so, the nature of the proposal put forward; and

(c) the reaction of the Government of Japan thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) to (c). In the context of the difficult food situation, assistance was sought from Japan, as from several other friendly countries. It was indicated that specific items on which assistance would be most welcome were:

- (a) Gifts of wheat, rice and milo;
- (b) Longterm credit for food-grains and fertilizers;
- (c) Monetary assistance for meeting freight for increased food imports;
- (d) Other foodstuffs, especially milk powder, milk products, edible oil etc; and
- (e) assistance in transporting food consignments from other countries.

No definite offer of assistance has yet been received in response to the above request.

#### State Controlled Agricultural Farm in Tripura

1758. Shri Biren Dutta: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the acres of land brought under the State-controlled Agricultural farm in Tripura;

(b) the number of labourers working on it;

(c) the quantum of crop expected from it by the next agricultural season; and

(d) the basis of payment to the workers?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) to (d). The required information is being collected from the Tripura Government and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is received from them.

#### Flour Mills in Kerala

1759. Shri Mohammed Koya: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Flour Mills at present in Kerala;

(b) whether wheat is given to all the mills to enable them to work to their full capacity; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) The number of Roller Flour Mills in Kerala at present is three.

(b) and (c). Wheat is being allotted to all the Roller Flour Mills in Kerala to the full extent of their permitted capacity as recognised by Government.

#### Supply of Wheat Flour

1760. Shri Mohammed Koya: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to