

ing detailed discussion of the issues involved at the Special Session of the Standing Labour Committee, Employers should maintain the *status quo* in regard to the introduction of automation. Copies of the appeal were forwarded to State Governments|Union Territories and Central Ministries|Departments.

(b) Yes, Sir. One of the Central Organisations of Employers sent a reply saying they were circulating the appeal to all their constituent members.

(c) No, Sir. Out of two such cases for which information is available, in one case an order for the computer which was installed had been placed in 1966 and in the other case the computer installed was in replacement of the one installed earlier in 1966.

(d) The matter was discussed in detail at the meeting of the Standing Labour Committee held on the 18th July, 1968. The views expressed at the meeting have been noted by Government and will be taken into account in arriving at a policy decision.

Import of Foodgrains

853. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to import foodgrains during the next two years;

(b) if so, the countries from which foodgrains are sought to be imported and the quantity proposed to be imported;

(c) the terms on which this import is sought to be made;

(d) whether any imports of foodgrains have been made during the current year; and

(e) if so, the quantity and value of foodgrains so imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (c). Imports of foodgrains may be necessary during the years 1969 and 1970. An assessment of import requirements: if any, the sources and terms of supply is made in October-November of the preceding calendar year after an examination of the various relevant factors.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The total quantity of foodgrains imported during the period 1st January to the 30th June, 1968 amounted to 36.96 lakh metric tons valued at approximately Rs. 218.15 crores.

तारों का देर से बांटा जाना

854. डा० सूर्य प्रकाश पुरी :
श्री रामाचतार शर्मा :
श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
श्री शिव कुमार शास्त्री :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या तारों के देर से बांटे जाने के बारे में शिकायतें बढ़ रही हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इसके कारणों की जांच की है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में क्या एहतिहासी कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

संसद-कार्य विभाग तथा संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री इ० कु० गुजराल) :

(क) जी नहीं । इसके विपरीत शिकायतें घट रही हैं । गत तीन वर्षों में प्राप्त शिकायतों का एक तुलनात्मक विवरण समा-पटल पर रखा जा रहा है ।