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Supply of Food under PL 480

56. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**
Shri P. C. Borroah:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Basumatari:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether negotiations have of late been going on for a new 2,000,000 tonnes food agreement with the U.S. Government;

(b) if so, whether the agreement has since been signed; and

(c) the terms thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) In August 1966 we requested the U.S. Government for provision of funds under PL 480 to meet our additional requirement of 2 million tonnes of wheat and 2,50,000 tonnes of rice for the remaining period of the calendar year 1966.

(b) No, Sir. Our request is still under the consideration of the U.S. Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of Rice to Assam

56. **Shri P. C. Borroah:**
Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assam Chief Minister and Members of Parliament from

Assam urged him in September, 1966 to supply at least 20,000 tonnes of rice to Assam to avert an acute food crisis in that State;

(b) if so, how much rice has been supplied to that State since then and the basis on which supplies have been made and from which sources; and

(c) the efforts made to avert the food crisis in the flood-torn State?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) The request received from Chief Minister, Assam in September was for allotment of 10,000 tonnes of rice in addition to quantities already allotted to them. He had earlier asked for 20,000 tonnes in all. Members of Parliament from Assam had also requested in August that the rice asked for by the State Government should be made available.

(b) 3,000 tonnes of rice have been supplied from Central stocks, 5,000 tonnes of rice offered by Bihar Government and 3,000 tonnes of rice offered by Orissa Government have also been allotted to Assam.

(c) Allocation of wheat to Assam had been increased to the maximum quantity that could be moved to that State and movement of all foodgrains to Assam was given top priority.

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