

- (iv) central/wholesale consumer co-operatives should set up large-sized retail outlets on modern lines as their branches.

Government Advertisements to Dailies and Journals

4482. SHRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS** be pleased to state :

(a) the forms followed by Government to give publicity matters to national dailies and journals; and

(b) the details of such publicity given by the various departments during 1968-69?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Publicity material issued by the Press Information bureau, including Press Communiques, Press Notes, hand-outs, speeches of Ministers, feature articles, etc. are issued to all important daily newspapers and periodicals in English and 12 Indian languages. At present 4,304 newspapers and periodicals are on the mailing list of the Bureau.

(b) During the year 1968-69, 59,011 publicity releases were issued.

Import of foodgrains

4484. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state :

(a) the agreement made for further imports of foodgrains during the current year; and

(b) the foreign exchange to be paid against imports to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). On the 13th October, 1969 the Government of India entered into an agreement with the Government of the U.S.A. for supply of 3 million metric tons of wheat during the U.S. fiscal year 1970 which ends on 30th June, 1970. Of this 21,57,000 metric tons valued at approximately 114.9 million dollars are to be supplied under Convertible Local Currency (credit-terms) and 8,43,000 metric tons valued at 44.9 million dollars are to be supplied under Local Currency terms. The payment for the 21,57,000 metric tons of wheat to be shipped under Convertible Local Currency Terms will be made in foreign exchange in 31 equal annual instalments. The first instalment will become due ten years after date of last delivery of the commodity. No immediate payment of foreign exchange for this wheat is therefore involved.

Another agreement was concluded on the 17th November 1969, under which the Australian Government have agreed to provide India on a grant basis without reimbursement with 70,000 Metric Tons of Australian wheat. The entire quantity is expected to arrive in India by the end of December 1969. Being a grant, no foreign exchange is to be paid against this import.

Tributes paid to former speaker by M. Pa. blacked out by A. I. R.

4485. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the A. I. R. used television in connec-