

(c) and (d) : Yes, Sir. Government have already announced their decision to stop concessional import of foodgrains after end of 1971. Import of cotton and soyabean oil will however have to be continued for some years because of the large gap between indigenous production of cotton and edible oils and the growing needs of the economy. Efforts are being made to increase the internal production of these commodities also as quickly as possible.

Statement

Main features of the PL. 480 Agreement signed on 1-4-1971 as amended.

A PL. 480 Agreement was signed with the US Govt. on 1st April, 1971 for the supply of Agricultural Commodities from that country. The value of this Agreement was slightly increased in May 1971 (from \$ 150.00 million to \$ 158.3 million). Taken with these additions, the agreement provides for an import of 15,70,000 tonnes of wheat, 250,000 Indian bales of cotton (200,000 bales in terms of US bales) and 102,000 tonnes of soyabean oil valued at \$ 158.3 million. About 80% of the imports do not require rupee payment; these will be under what are called Convertible Local Currency Credit Terms i. e. repayable in dollars over a period of 40 years, including a grace period of 10 years. The remaining 20% imports will be paid for in rupees, which rupees in turn have been earmarked for loan to Govt. of India 93%, and US uses 7%. Both the dollar and the rupees loan will carry interest at 2% during the first 10 years and 3% during the subsequent 30 years.

2. The Agreement further allows the U.S. to convert \$ 7.5 million from the rupees earmarked for their uses into third country currencies for agricultural and educational exchange activities and for sale to U.S. tourists and citizens in India.

Mithila University

*146. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA :
SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA :
Will the Minister of EDUCATION

AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the executor of Darbhanga Raj has formally handed over the Raj Head Office, Library and Guest House worth above Rs. 2 crores to the Chief Minister of Bihar for the proposed Mithila University ; and

(b) if so, what are the obstructions in immediately starting the University ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRALAYA MEN UPAMANTRI) (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) ;

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

छोटे सिक्कों की कमी

147 श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :

श्री एम० रामगोपाल रेड्डी :

श्री मोहन स्वरूप :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश के कई भागों में छोटे सिक्कों की कमी अभी तक बनी हुई है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या 20 पैसे का सिक्का फाउन्टेन 'पैनों की निचों बनाने के उद्देश्य से पिबलाया जा रहा है और जिसकी कीमत बाजार में काफी बढ़ गई है; और

(घ) इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार क्या कार्यवाई कर रही है ?