कमसे कम इस प्रकार का निर्देश अवश्य दें कि प्रश्न जिस भाषा में किया जाये उस का उत्तर भी उसी भाषा में आये। आप ने शायद अच्छे तरीके से सुना होगा कि श्रीमती जयाबेन शाह का एक सीधा प्रश्न यह था कि इजिप्ट, पाकिस्तान में मुस्लिम महिलाओं को जितनी सुविधा प्राप्त है उतनी सुविधा क्या भारत वर्ष में भी मिलेगी? इस का उत्तर आना चाहिए था लेकिन मंत्री महोदय ने उस का उत्तर न देकर दूसरी ओर चले गये। मैं आप से व्यवस्था चाहता हू कि इस सम्बन्ध मे कब से मंत्रियो को निर्देश मिलने वाला है?

Mr. Speaker: That is a good idea What Pakistan and Egypt has done, are we prepared to do?

Shri Govinda Menon: That will be considered

Allotment of Foodgrains to States following the West Asian Crisis

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Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri C. Janardhanan.
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri R. Barua:
Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri S. Kundu:
Shri J. Ahmed:
Dr. Surya Prakash Puri:
Shri Baidhar Behera:
Shri Samar Guha:
Shri Ram Charan:
Shri M. C. Majhi:
Shri Sradhakar Supakar:
Shri M. L. Sondhi:
Shri Rabi Ray:
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Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri Nihal Singh:
Shri D. N. Deb:
Shri Sheopujan Shastri:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have consulted the State Governments and come to a final decision about the allotment of foodgrains to States following the West Asian crisis; and

(b) if so, the allotments for the various States?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The Chief Ministers of the States were duly apprised that due to the closure of the Suez Canal, arrivals of foodgrains will be considerably delayed and supplies will be smaller There was no time to formally consult all the State Governments before deciding the quantities that could be supplied to the various States during the month.

(b) The allotments that were originally made and the revisions that became necessary after the closure of the Suez Canal during the month of June are indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No* Lt-976/67]

श्री अदिचन क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि केरल वासियो के लिए दूसरे प्रान्तो मे कितना चावल जून और जुलाई के महीने मे भेजा गया?

Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta: He should reply to the question in Hindi

Mr. Speaker: I cannot compel any Member It is the choice of the individual Member.

Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta: It is a request through you to him

श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्दे : केरल में 62,000 टन चावल भेजा गया।

Shri R. Barua: Assam's quota of wheat was reduced from 30,000 tonnes per month to 5,000 tonnes per month. Out of that also, in May and june the full quota was not gives What is the position at the present moment?

Shri Annasahib Shinde: Now, we have allotted 15,000 tonnes to Assam. Of course, there are floods and other

difficulties, but our intention is to see that the allotted quantity is made available to the State.

Shri D. N. Patodia: The hon. Minister has given us figures for June. How much is the total requirement assessed for July and how much is likely to be available for that month?

Shri Annasahib Shinde: According to present arrangements, we expect that about 792,000 tonnes of foodgrains would be available to the State Governments

Shri Ranga: What is the total requirement?

Shri Annasahib Shinde: That is very difficult to say because many of the States, most of the deficit States, want more and more quantity

Shri Ranga: That is not the question They must have had a budget made here as to how much they have to supply He is only saying how much they have allotted They should be able to know what is the total requirement from the budget they must have prepared

Shri Annasahib Shinde: In the statement laid on the Table, figures are given of the quantity actually allotted and delivered

Shri S. Kundu: When the food problem is so acute and we are living on a ship-to-mouth basis and when the Orissa Government are prepared to give more paddy in lieu of wheat, why was the original allotment of 10,900 tonnes of wheat to the State reduced to 10,800 tonnes?

Shri Annasahib Shinde: Last month, we had considerable difficulty in making the allotted quantities available to the State Governments But our effort has been to see that whatever the understanding between the State Governments and the Centre, those commitments are fulfilled if factors beyond our control do not intervene

Shri S. Kundu: He does not understand my question. When Orissa is prepared to give more paddy in lieu of wheat, why should they instead of increasing the quota of wheat to the State decrease it?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I take it from the hon Member that the Orissa Government are prepared to give an unlimited quantity of paddy in lieu of wheat. I welcome that suggestion. But in June, as the House is aware, a special situation arose and we had to reduce the quota.

Shri S. Kundu: What was the special situation?

Shri J. Ahmed: Assam does not require much rice, they want some more wheat May I know from the Minister how much wheat has been allotted to Assam?

Shri Annasahib Shinde: I have already replied We are trying to make available 15,000 tons of wheat to Assam

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Expansion of Durgapur Steel Plant

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S.N.Q. 27. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:
Shri N K Sanghi:
Shri Shambhu Nath:
Shri Onkar Lal Bohra:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state whether any final decision has been reached in regard to the third stage expansion of the Durgapur Steel Plant?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Cheana Reddy): It has been decided, for the present, to postpone the expansion of Durgapur from 1 6 to 3 4 million tonnes. This decision has been taken in view of a slower growth than earlier anticipated in the demand for steel and, in particular, for flat products; the estimated cost of the Project and its foreign exchange component being in excess of the available resources; and the prior need of attaining normal production at the 1 million tonne plant and the 1.6 million tonne expansion.