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have the award interpreted authoritatively by a third party. It was for this reason that Government and Air-India had in course of negotiations offered to refer the dispute to arbitration, but this was unfortunately not accepted by the Air-India pilots.

Chief Ministers' Conference

*1223. Shri Marandi: Shri Shri Chand Goel: Shri S. S. Kothari: Shri Onkar Lal Berwa: Shri Bal Raj Madhok: Shri R. S. Vidyarthi: Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan: Shri Parthasarathy: Shri Prakash Vir Shastri: Shri Ram Avtar Sharma: Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri: Shri Raguvir Singh: Shastri: Shri Atam Das: Shri Y. S. Kushwah: Dr. Surya Prakash Puri: Shri Arjun Singh: Bhadoria: Shri K. Suryanarayana: Shri D. S. Patil: Shri R. D. Bhandare:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the Chief Ministers' Conference held this month the Chief Ministers blamed the Centre for food failure;
- (b) if so, the reasons put forward by them for blaming the Centre;
- (c) the Central Government's reaction thereto;
- (d) the decisions arrived at in regard to the food problem and distribution of foodgrains to the States and in regard to supply of Fertilisers and development of minor irrigation schemes at the Conference?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No Sir. There was no attempt at putting blame or holding a single authority responsible for the food crisis. Suggestions were

made by participants in the Conference and it was realised that for improving food production and distribution, Central and State Governments have to function in a spirit of cooperation.

- (b) and (c). Do not arise.
- (d) A summary of the decision arrived at regarding the food problem and distribution of foodgrains to the States and in regard to supply of fertilizers and development of minor irrigation schemes is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1080/67].

Targets of Commercial Farm Crops

*1224. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have in order to ensure self-sufficiency in food by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan fixed targets and limits on commercial farm crops;
- (b) if so, the details of maxima and Minima fixed in each case; and
- (c) the main considerations underlying this decision?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) For achieving self-sufficiency in food, no limts have been fixed on cash crops. The main strategy is to achieve self-sufficiency in food, not by diversion of area from cash crops but by programmes of intensive cultivation. Targets for commercial crops have been fixed.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

बिहार में भूख से मृत्य

*1225. श्री क० मि० मघुकर : श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : श्री भोगेन्द्र झा :

क्या लाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: (क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 5 जून, 1967 को दैनिक समाचार पत्न "धार्वका" में प्रकातित हुए सिहार के राक्स्य तथा क्याबत माधन मंत्री हारा विये गये वक्तच्य के बारे में इस बाजय के समाचार की सोर दिकाया गया है कि विहार में भूख से होने वाली प्रत्येक नृत्यु के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार न ना घपने वचन के प्रनुमार घनाज हो देती है धौर न ही वह राज्य ने वाहर किसी धन्य न्यान से घना व खरीदने की घनुमति देती है: धौर

(ख) यदि हो, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

कास, कृषि, सामुदाधिक विकास सवा सहकार मंत्रासय में राज्य मंत्री (की सका-काहिक क्रिम्दे): (क) सरकार ने इस सम्बंध के प्रेम रिपार्ट देखी है।

(ब) केन्द्रीय सरकार विद्वार को बाबाओं का यथा सम्भव प्रधिक से प्रधिक बाबदम करती रही है । वहा पर मम्बीर स्पिति और विहार को कोई बावल मावटित नहीं किया का रहा का, इस तब्स को देखते हुए राज्य सरकार ने यह धनरोध किया था कि वर्षि वे किसी पाज्य में विशेष कर पायल का कालत स्टाक पाने ने नवर्ष हो बाते हैं बीर व्यवस्थित राज्य सरकार उन स्टाक को बहार को देना मान लेती है ती केन्द्रीय सरकार पेंडे स्टाक को बिहार में नाने की सनुवति दे है । विद्वार तरकार का वृधिन किया क्या है कि नवि वह स्टाक उस राज्य हारा केन्द्रीय प्रम में देने की बाक्वासित माना से बहिक है तो विद्वार बरकार की ऐबे स्टाक के सरीहने की समुक्ति दे की वाएकी।

केन्द्रीय क्षरकार की सहायता है राज्य अरकार ने विद्यार है थी दिवित्य बहातता कार्यकम मुक्किने हैं उनसे स्विति नियन्त्रक्ष में है। सरकार को यह भागा है कि न तो विहार भवना न ही देश के सूखे से प्रभावित खेळों ने कहीं भी भुष्यपरी ने कोई मौत होगी। ऐसी मृत्यु की जिम्मेवारी का प्रश्न ही नहीं अठता।

Declaration of Famine in certain areas

*1226. Shri Madhu Limaye; Shri S. M. Banorjee; Dy Ram Manohar Lohia; Shri George Fernandes;

Will the Minister of Foed and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the U.P. Government have sought the permission of the Central Government to declare famine in certain areas of the State;
- (b) if so, the names of these areas with their total area and the population; and
- (c) the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry try of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No Sir

(b) and (c). Do not arise
Clearance of large ships at Major Ports

*1225. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri S. C. Samania:
Shri D. C. Sharma;
Shri S. S. Kothari:
Shri S K. Tapuriah:
Shri K. P. Singh Dec:
Shri P. N. Selanki:
Shri Nang Kumar:

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is considerable delay at major ports of India in meceiving and clearing largerships and