

दिया है कि माध्र प्रदेश दक्षिण के कमी वाले राज्यों को अधिक खाद्यान्न देगा ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उन्होंने इस बारे में कोई पूर्व शर्तें और प्रस्ताव रखे हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो वे क्या हैं ?

साध, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्ना-हृषिकेश्वर) : (क) से (ग). अप्रैल, 1967 में नई दिल्ली में हुए मन्त्रमात्रया क सम्मेलन माध्र प्रदेश क मन्त्रमन्त्रान वतलाया था 1966-67 में माध्र प्रदेश से चावल क निर्यात का लक्ष्य (1965-66 में चावल निर्यात की गई लगभग 2.77 लाख मेटरी टन का मात्रा के मुकाबले में) 6 लाख मेटरी टन हागा । उन्होंने यह भी बताया कि उपरोक्त 6 लाख मेटरी टन चावल का निर्यात इस बात पर आधारित था कि भारत सरकार 2 लाख मेटरी टन गेहूँ और माइला माध्र प्रदेश को दे ।

Foodgrains Prices

*612. Shri P. Ramameorthy:
Shri P. Gopalan:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Union Food Minister had given categorical assurance to the nation at the time of devaluation that the cost of foodgrains would not be affected by the devaluation of the rupee; and

(b) if so, whether the devaluation has made any impact on the prices of foodgrains since that assurance had been given?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahab Shinde): (a) It has not been possible to trace any such assurance given to the nation by the former Union Food Minister. However,

on the devaluation of the Rupee on the 8th June, 1966, the Government had taken a decision not to raise the issue prices of foodgrains issued from the Central stocks even though the cost of foodgrains had gone up considerably consequent upon devaluation.

(b) The issue prices of foodgrains supplied from Central stocks were maintained at the pre-devaluation level until November-December, 1966, when the issue prices of foodgrains were raised in order to reduce the quantum of subsidy borne by the Government. In the case of market prices of foodgrains, there has been some rise after devaluation which is also attributable to successive poor harvests during the last two seasons.

National Highway No. 34

*613. Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of widening and strengthening of National Highway No. 34, which provides the only road link between the port of Calcutta and Assam through North Bengal, has been held up due to delay in sanctioning the revised cost estimates; and

(b) the total amount sanctioned for the widening and strengthening of this National Highway and the amount spent so far?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) No Sir.

(b) Thirteen estimates, aggregating Rs. 111.09 lakhs for widening and strengthening of this National Highway, have been sanctioned. An expenditure of Rs. 62.13 lakhs has been booked on these works up to the end of 1965-66.

Foodgrains Supply to Kerala

*614. Shri Vithwa Nath Pandey:
Shri C. K. Chakrapani: