

are held with the surplus States and they are urged to make available to the Centre as much foodgrains as they can spare even by making some sacrifice. Some of the surplus States made specific offers for supply to the Central Pool during the current year at the Chief Ministers meeting held on 8th and 9th April, 1967.

**Release of Impounded Vessels by Pakistan**

\*168. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:  
Shri Hem Barua:  
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:  
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:  
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Government still holds 178 Indian vessels impounded by them during the last Indo-Pak. conflict; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to get them released?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts are being made through diplomatic channels to secure the release of these vessels.

**Famine Conditions in Gujarat**

\*169. Shri Virendrakumar Shah:  
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:  
Shri Onkar Singh:  
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:  
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that famine conditions exist in Gujarat State;

(b) the amount which Government have sanctioned for scarcity operations in the State;

(c) the monthly requirements and the allocation of foodgrains to Gujarat State; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to help the Gujarat Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Scarcity conditions exist in a number of villages in Gujarat State.

(b) The Government of India have so far sanctioned Rs. 3.03 crores towards expenditure on relief operations. A sum of Rs. 1.457 crores has also been given for purchase of agricultural inputs like fertilizers etc.

(c) The Gujarat Government had estimated the monthly requirements of imported wheat and milo at 1,25,000 tonnes. In view of limited availability and increased demands from other drought affected States such as Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, 65,000 tonnes of wheat and milo are being allotted to Gujarat.

(d) The State Government have so far been allotted 3,000 tonnes of gift wheat for free distribution to the old and infirm affected by the current drought. The question of allotment of some quantities of milk powder is under consideration.

पी० एल० 480 के अन्तर्गत अनाज पर व्यय

\*170. डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया :  
श्री मधु लिंगेय :  
श्री राम लेशक यादव :  
श्री रवि राय :

क्या साथ तथा कृषि यंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1968 में पी० एल० 480 कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत अनाज पर कितना व्यय हुआ और जनता को अनाज बेच कर कितनी राशि बच्युन हुई ;