

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Minister of State, Shri I. K. Gujral, stated publicly that he was not in favour of a Corporation for the All India Radio, as appeared in the *Indian Express* on the 19th September, 1969 ;

(c) if no decision is taken so far, the reasons why the Minister issued the statement ; and

(d) when the decision about it is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The press report in question is rather misleading in so far as my remarks on the subject have been stated out of context.

(d) A final decision of Government will be taken in a few months' time.

Nationalisation of Sugar Industry

- *101. SHRI RABI RAY :
 SHRI CHENGALRAYA
 NAIDU :
 SHRI R. BARUA :
 SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA
 JHA :
 SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI :
 SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
 SHRIMATI SUSHILA
 ROHATGI :
 SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN :
 SHRI MOLAHU PRASHAD :
 SHRI RAM SEWAK
 YADAV :
 SHRI PRAKASH VIR
 SHASTRI :
 SHRI P. N. SOLANKI :
 SHRI ONKAR LAL
 BERWA :
 SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD :
 SHRI S. KUNDU :
 SHRI KIKAR SINGH :
 SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :
 SHRI DEVEN SEN :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the persistent public demand to nationalise sugar industry in the country ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in that direction and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Government are aware of the demand for nationalisation of the sugar industry in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The various aspects of the question are under examination.

Import of Foodgrains

*102. SHRI HEM BARUA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided upon any date-line from which Government would not import foodgrains from abroad as they have been doing at present ; and

(b) if so, the date-line and the specific steps taken by Government so far to reach this position ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Till such time as the country becomes self-sufficient in production of foodgrains, some imports of foodgrains are necessary. With the increase in food production the imports are gradually being reduced. According to the present assessment it is expected that the country may attain self-sufficiency in food production by 1970-71.

International Dairy Development Scheme for Self-sufficiency in Milk

- *103. SHRI DHIRESWAR
 KALITA :
 SHRI ESWARA REDDY :
 SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR :
 SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI :
 SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-
 DHURY :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the U. N. has a proposal to undertake an international dairy development