

1	2	3	4	5	6
2. Samastipur Central Sugar Co. Ltd., Samastipur, Distt. Samastipur		0.41	18.31	20.01 (5.5.70)	24.80 (5.5.70)
3. Ram Laxman Sugar Mills, Mohluddinpur, Distt. Meerut	10.92		29.62	21.96 (30.4.70)	30.26 (30.4.70)

**Production of Foodgrains**

\*1629. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of expected production of foodgrains this year ; and

(b) the total demand for these commodities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Firm estimates of production of foodgrains during 1969-70 would become available after the close of the agricultural year, i. e. some time in July-August 1970. However, on the basis of qualitative reports about whether and crops conditions it is expected that the total foodgrains production during 1969-70 would be around 100 million tones.

(b) In the absence of any scientific and comprehensive survey on consumption and in view of the fact that the demand for foodgrains is elastic to some extent depending on the availability of foodgrains and other substitute food-stuffs, their comparative prices, level of income, population growth, extent of urbanisation etc., it is not possible to frame a precise quantitative estimate of the total demand of foodgrains for any given year.

**Nationalising of Stevedoring Industry**

1630. SHRI NAVAL KISHORE SHARMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR

AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given thought to Nationalise Stevedoring Industry in the country;

(b) if so, whether on the spot study of stevedoring in other countries, where this has been nationalised, has been made;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether reaction of the parties concerned in the country and the role that the Government will have to play as a result of Nationalisation have been assessed ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) to (d). On an examination of earlier the question of abolition of stevedoring system it was decided in 1967 to maintain the *status quo*. It is only when a further examination of this matter is taken up that the need for a study of the system in other countries will arise. The views of the various interests concerned will naturally have to be assessed and taken into account if and when the question is examined again.

**Fall in the Price of Soyabean**

\*1631. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of soya bean has slumped down in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;