

- (4) Arrangements have been made for supply of fodder free or at concessional rates.

Apart from these relief operations, free feeding centres have also been set up with foodstuffs received from CARE, UNICEF and other voluntary organisations. The scope of this programme is being extended.

3,000 tonnes of gifts wheat, about 300 tonnes of milk powder and 11 tonnes of dry raisins have been allotted to the State for free distribution.

(d) Government of India have made the following allotments of imported wheat and milo to M. P.:—

March, 1967	35,000 tonnes
April, 1967	31,000 tonnes
May, 1967	30,500 tonnes
June, 1967	31,000 tonnes

Exodus of Population from Villages to Cities

*313. Shrimati Nirlep Kaur:

Shri Barrow:
Shri Swell:
Shri Kotal Birua:
Shri Kikar Singh:
Dr. Karni Singh:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a continuing large exodus of population from the villages to the cities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps which are being taken by Government for rural development to prevent the exodus?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anasahib Shinde): (a) to (c). There is no evidence yet to show that there is continuing large exodus of population from the villages to the cities. Some migration of the rural population to urban areas is, however, a common socio-economic process; it may reflect lack of adequate means

of livelihood in the agricultural sector as well as response to wider employment opportunities emerging in other sector of the economy in the towns and cities.

A gamut of development programme has been undertaken under the Five Year Plans to create, maintain and expand employment opportunities in rural areas. These include, in the main, the Community Development Programme which now covers the entire country, large scale agricultural programmes, including intensive and special schemes, rural manpower programme to provide employment in areas especially exposed to high incidence of unemployment and under-employment programmes for settlement of landless, agricultural labour, and development of rural industries etc.

Bihar C.M.'s Appeal to U.S.S.R.

*314. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Shaha:

Shri Atam Das:
Shri Jaser J. Malhotra:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Meetha Lal:
Shri Y. A. Prasad:
Shri N. K. Sanghi:
Shri Badabrudia Barua:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by the Chief Minister, Bihar in which he has urged the Soviet Union to come to the assistance of Bihar in a big way;

(b) whether any direct approach has been made by the Bihar Government to the foreign countries for the supply of foodgrains; and

(c) whether this approach has been made within the knowledge of the Central Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anasahib Shinde): (a) The Government have seen Press reports to this effect.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

चीनी के बर्तों में समानता

315. श्री श्रीकार सिंह :

श्री सरजू पाण्डेय :

श्री इत्तहाक साम्बली :

क्या साख तथा कृषि मंत्रों : 8 मार्च, 1987 के प्रतारोक्ति प्रश्न संख्या 74 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह प्रश्नों की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या चीनी के भावों में समानता माने के प्रस्ताव पर इस बीच कोई निर्णय कर लिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो उन की मुख्य बातें क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं ?

साख, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सम्भारसिंह सिन्हा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ग) मामला अभी भी विचारार्थीन है ।

Food Corporation of India

*316. Shri Eswara Reddy:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri George Fernandes:

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

(a) whether Government have reviewed the working of the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the working of the Corporation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annsabib Shinde): (a) to (c). There has been no formal review as such of the working of the Food Corporation but the Government are keeping a continuous watch over the activities of the Food Corporation.

Second Ship-building Yard at Cochin

*317. Shri P. C. Adichan:
Shri P. P. Esthose:
Shri K. M. Abraham:
Shri Mangalathusadom:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri E. K. Nayanar:

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

(a) the progress made in setting up the second ship-building yard at Cochin; and

(b) the total amount so far spent by the Central Government in this connection?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) and (b). The examination of the Project Report submitted by M/s Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Limited and of the comments of our technical experts thereon has been completed. The next steps to be taken are under the consideration of Government.

The expenditure incurred so far is Rs. 92.64 lakhs.

Cost Structure of Sugar Industry

*318. Shri Bhanu Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri K. N. Pandey:
Shri Dhirendranath:
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri P. K. Deo:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to order a fresh inquiry into the cost structure of the sugar industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?