

freight rates with effect from the dates indicated against each of them:—

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| (1) West Coast of India and Pakistan/USA Conference | 1-7-67 |
| (2) East Coast of India and East Pakistan/USA Conference | 11-7-67 |
| (3) India, Pakistan, Ceylon & Burma Outward Freight Conference | 1-7-67 |

Preliminary estimates indicate that the effect of this increase on our import bill if permitted as proposed will be of the order of ₹7,75,000. Protests have been lodged with the Conferences concerned by the Government as well as by various trade organisations. The matter is being pursued with the Conferences.

Supply of Milk by D.M.S.

- *326. Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
 Shrimati Tarakeshwari Sinha:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri S. N. Matti:
 Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:
 Shri A. K. Kisku:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of milk in Delhi by the Delhi Milk Scheme has gone down;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to increase the price of milk;

(c) whether it is also a fact that thousands of residents of Delhi have requested the D.M.S. authorities to supply milk to them; and

(d) if so, the action which Government propose to take to meet their demands?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anandji Shinde): (a) The supply in cordilohan holders is being main-

tained. Because of shortage of milk, counter sale had to be stopped.

(b) This is under examination.

(c) Yes.

(d) Information is given in the statement below:

STATEMENT

(i) Firm agreements have been entered with milk suppliers subjecting them to a penalty of Rs. 5/- per quintal in case of failure to supply the agreed quantities of milk during various seasons in the year.

(ii) Rate of commission payable to milk suppliers has been increased with effect from January, 1967.

(iii) Procurement area of the Scheme has been extended. A new procurement area in Haryana about 20 miles away from Karnal has been taken up for departmental procurement of milk.

(iv) 20 insulated milk vans, 10 tankers and 5 jeeps to facilitate transport and collection of milk have been purchased.

(v) An Intensive Cattle Development Programme has been sanctioned for the milk shed of D.M.S. This programme is likely to result in increase in production of milk in the concerned areas.

(vi) A ban on import, manufacture, sale or service of khoys, rubree, paneer and milk sweets has been imposed by the Delhi Administration with effect from 17-5-1967 which has helped the Scheme in maintaining supplies.

Support Prices for Jute, Paddy and Coarse Grains

- *327. Shri Madhu Limaye:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri K. N. Pandey:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have announced new support