

depot opening hours. However, since the DMS has to function round the clock and observe a time bound programme for milk distribution twice a day, on occasions, due to unavoidable technical problems with the plant and machinery, or prolonged power failures, which have been experienced quite often in the course of the last year in Delhi, or the breakdown of the milk vans en-route after leaving the Central Dairy, marginal delays in the despatches of milk or the arrival of milk vans at some of the depots, sometimes and stalls cannot be avoided altogether.

Sale of Bajra in Delhi meant for Gujarat

564. SHRI I. D. SINGH:

SHRI S. G. SARDESAI:

DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

SHRI B. D. BARMAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some quantities of bajra allotted to a certain party in Uttar Pradesh for being sent to Gujarat to relieve the distress of the people there were diverted to Delhi and sold in the city; and

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into this matter and if so, the results of the enquiry made and the action taken against persons responsible for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Uttar Pradesh Government is investigating the case regarding unauthorised disposal of 689 tonnes of Bajra by a party for which an export permit was given by the State Government for despatch of the quantity from U.P. to Gujarat.

Short-term credit to Bihar Government for Kharif production

565. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bihar Government have requested for a short-term credit of Rs. 6 crores to enable it to increase the kharif production; and

(b) if so, what action Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) Yes.

(b) A short-term loan of Rs. 1.25 crores has been sanctioned to the Government of Bihar, which is the share of the State Government on a *pro-rata* basis on the estimated outlay on Fertilizers, Seeds and Pesticides during Kharif 1974.

Growth of the Shipping Industry

566. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI:

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth of the shipping industry has recently slowed down; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Rehabilitation of Sick Sugar Mills

567. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme to rehabilitate sick units of sugar mills by the Indian Sugar Mills Association has not been implemented;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to rehabilitate the sick units?