

(b) the reasons for permitting this increase?

**कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (प्रो० शेर सिंह):**

(क) जो नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

#### **Procurement of rice in Andhra Pradesh**

\*733. SHRI PAPI REDDI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India is refusing to procure rice of high yielding varieties in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that price fixed under the price support scheme by the Govt. is not being paid to the farmers for the rice which is being procured; and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

#### **Haldia Shipyard**

\*734. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding the setting up of a shipyard at Haldia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the period likely to be taken in the implementation of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (b) Proposals for esta-

blishment of new shipyards have been forwarded to the Planning Commission and are presently under consideration. Final decision regarding the establishment of shipyard at Haldia will be taken after the contents of the Fifth Plan are finalised. Meanwhile a Techno-economic group has also been set up to evaluate various sites proposed by the State Governments.

#### **†Gap in Demand and Supply of Fertilisers**

\*557. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :  
SHRI VITHAL GADGIL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the gap between the demand and supply of fertilisers has increased by 20 per cent in 1972-73; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **STATEMENT**

(a) and (b) There was no gap between the demand and availability of fertilisers in 1971-72. However, in 1972-73, there was some gap between the requirements of fertilisers as indicated by the States and the total supplies made from indigenous manufacturers and from imports. The constraint in the availability was the result of lags in domestic fertilizer production (the domestic production was only 10.60 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen as against an earlier estimate of 14 lakh tonnes) and the shortfall in arrival of imported fertilisers from certain countries.

†Transferred from the 20th August, 1973.

†[ English translation.