

given by the World Health Organisation, the optimum requirements work out to 4.25 million units of 250 c.c. each. The needs of the Army, Railways and Private Nursing Homes' have not been taken into account in arriving at this figure.

(b) The present annual collection in the country is between 2.5 to 3 lakhs units.

(c) Voluntary donors contribute nearly 5% of the blood collected. Constant efforts are made to appeal to the good sense and civic conscience of the people so that a larger number of volunteers is forthcoming. Incentives of various types, such as medals, grant of additional marks to students in annual examinations, special casual leave for blood donors, extra diet to prisoners and remission of their sentence, etc. have been suggested to the State Govts. for their consideration.

958. [Transferred to the 5th March, 1973.]

#### **FAMILY PLANNING FOR TEA GARDEN LABOURERS**

959. SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether family planning scheme applies to tea garden labourers;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to implement family planning in this sector of the society ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KON-DAJJI BASAPPA): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Do not ante.

#### **FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND IMPORTS**

960. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether comprehensive details have been worked out about the food

requirements of the country and the quantum of foodgrains required to be imported;

(b) if so, what is the estimated requirement, availability and import requirements of foodgrains for the ensuing year, and

(c) whether any decision about the quantum of foodgrains imports from different countries has been taken, if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) to (c) Foodgrain requirements of the country are periodically reviewed in consultation with the State Governments. On the basis of present assessment, it is proposed to import 20 lakh metric tons of foodgrains from abroad. Out of this, about 15 lakh metric tons of wheat/milo have already been purchased.

#### **CALCUTTA PORT**

961. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Port Commission is incurring heavy losses annually because of non-recovery of diversion charges, demurrage, railway freight and loading and unloading charges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The losses sustained by the Calcutta Port Commissioners' Railway are mainly due to :—

(i) Fall in the traffic handled by the Port which is not enough to make full use of the rail facilities provided.

(ii) General rise in operating expenditure.

Some of the losses will be off-set by revision of rates of terminal charges payable by the Trunk Railways, which