

INDIAN SHIPPING DEVELOPMENT

216. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA-NARAYANA : Will the Minister of PARLIAM-ENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT/नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to give top priority for Indian Shipping Development; and.

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the targets fixed are likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAM-ENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT/संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन मन्त्री (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR)

(a) and (b) The Fourth Plan for shipping envisages a target of 40 00 lakhs GRT, out of which 35 00 lakhs GRT will be operative and 5,00 lakhs GRT will be firmly on order. The present Indian operative tonnage is 24.85 lakhs GRT and 11 98 lakhs GRT is firmly on order. Taking into account the scrappings of about 2 36 lakhs GRT by the end of Fourth Plan period, the tonnage yet to be ordered to achieve the Fourth Plan target is 5 53 lakhs GRT Every effort is being made to achieve the target.

उत्तर :

FOOD PRODUCTION

217. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA-NARAYANA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of foodgrains in India have touched new peaks and

(b) if so, what are the details of production during 1971 so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, During the year 1970-71, production of foodgrains in the country touched a new peak level of 107 8 million tonnes, which is 8 4 per cent higher than the previous record level reached during

1969-70. Production of different foodgrains during 1970-71 has been estimated as under.

| | All India | Final Estimates |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | (Million tonnes) | |
| Rice | | 42 4 |
| Wheat | | 23.2 |
| Jowar | | 8 2 |
| Bajra | | 8 0 |
| Maize | | 7 4 |
| Ragi | | 2 2 |
| Small Millets | | 2 9 |
| Total Cereals | | 96.2 |
| Pulses | | 11.6 |
| Total Foodgrains | | 107 8 |

Production of rice, wheat, bajra, Maize and ragi attained record levels during 1970-71 Similar estimates for the current year (1971-72) Will become available at the close of the agricultural year

ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS UNDER CRASH PROGRAMME

218 DR K. MATHEW KURIAN will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/कृषि मन्त्री be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of small farmers, marginal farmers and agricultural labourers who have so far been found eligible for assistance under the Rs 50 crores crash programme for rural employment

(b) the amount of short term, medium term and long term credit disbursed to small and marginal farmers under this scheme; and

(c) the number of small and marginal farmers and agricultural labourers brought into the co-operative fold

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/कृषि मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) (a) The Crash Programme for Rural Employment is for provision of employment to 1000 persons in every district of the country Two other Central Sector schemes of SFDA/MEAL aim at providing credit and