

श्री बाल गोविन्द वर्मा : निश्चित समय देना तो बड़ा मुश्किल है क्योंकि जितने लोग मार्केट में आ रहे हैं इम्प्लायमेंट के लिए उतनी जाव्स अभी हम क्रियेट नहीं कर पाये हैं इस लिये यह कहना कि किसी आदमी को इतने दिनों में नौकरी मिल जायेगी बड़ा मुश्किल है।

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Question Hour is over.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### IMPORTS OF FOODGRAINS

\*123. DR. Z.A. AHMAD :  
SHRI BALACHANDRA  
MENON :  
SHRI S.G. SARDESAI :  
SARDAR GURCHARAN  
SINGH TOHRA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to stop import of PL 480 foodgrains by the end of the current year ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to ensure the building up of an adequate buffer-stock of foodgrains to meet the requirements of the public distribution system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI ANNA-SAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) It is envisaged that concessional imports of foodgrains which include Title I PL 480 imports will cease after 1971.

(b) All feasible steps for building up a buffer stock including measures for increased output and higher procurement, are being taken. It is expected that as a result of all these,

at the end of 1971, the buffer stock will be built up to the planned level of 5 million tonnes.

### REHABILITATION OF REFUGEES

\*124. SHRI DEVDATT KUMAR  
KIKABHAI PATEL :  
DR. BHAI MAHAVIR :  
SHRI S.C. ANGRE :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION / श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Assam Minister of Rehabilitation made a statement to the effect that 35 million refugees might enter India from Bangla Desh; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION / श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) :

(a) The Government of India are not aware of any such statement having been made by the Assam Minister of Rehabilitation. According to the latest figures available, about 35.57 lakhs of refugees have come from East Bengal upto 24.5.71 and the influx is still continuing.

(b) The Governments of the border States, on humanitarian considerations, have already been asked to organise relief and provide improvised shelter and food to all these refugees who have entered India so far. In addition, arrangements have been made to provide medical assistance and steps have been taken to control epidemics. Supply of milk powder has been arranged for children pregnant and nursing mothers and the sick. Other essential articles of daily use, e.g. clothing, utensils etc., are also being supplied in deserving cases.

The cost of all relief measures is being met by the Central Government.