

greater employment opportunities particularly to the educated unemployed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to solve unemployment problem as a whole and particularly in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) to (c) The Fourth Five Year Plan, which lays considerable emphasis on labour-intensive schemes, such as roads, minor irrigation, soil conservation, rural electrification, village and small scale industries, housing and urban development etc., is expected to provide increasing employment opportunities for the unemployed, including the educated. The size of the Plan Outlay is proposed to be further augmented with a view to providing funds for schemes which would have immediate impact on the employment situation. The Fourth Five-Year Plan (1969-74) as revised will be considered by the National Development Council shortly and will thereafter be placed before Parliament.

IMPORT OF HELICOPTERS FROM U.S.A.

1090. SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government tried to import recently helicopters from U.S.A. for spraying on agricultural fields; and

(b) if so, what has been the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) The Government of India have allowed recently the import of helicopters from U.S.A by various aero-chemical operators out of the Vth series of credits received from the Export-Import Bank of the U.S.A.

(b) Sixteen helicopters have been imported to date, and six more are expected shortly.

A.I.R. HINDI NEWS BULLETIN

1091. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the morning Hindi news bulletin broadcast over the A.I.R. on the 10th January, 1970 it was stated that music, cultural songs, table and images of Lord Krishna have become popular in several cities of Europe and U.S.A.;

(b) whether such a tendency has been noticed in the South East Asian cities also; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to promote such music, songs etc. for cultural contacts with other countries?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have no specific information. However, the impact of Indian art and culture in the area as a whole in the past is well known.

(c) Recorded programmes of music etc., including programmes on special occasions are supplied to several countries for broadcast either at their specific request or under the relevant cultural exchange programmes.

दिल्ली में गेहूँ के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

1092. डा० भाई महावीर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इस समय दिल्ली में गेहूँ के भाव बहुत बढ़ गये हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस वृद्धि को रोकने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

RISE IN THE PRICES OF WHEAT IN DELHI

1092. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there is a steep rise in the prices of wheat in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to check this rise in the prices of wheat ?