

ing to D.M.S, would have been diverted for making these products.

(d) Milk Tokens are issued as and when enough milk is available. Consideration of applications and issue of cards depend on the availability of milk. Naturally, when there is shortage of milk disposal of applications has to wait till the procurement position improves.

CENTRE'S FOODGRAIN COMMITMENTS TO U.P.

♦430. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of wheat which has been assured to Uttar Pradesh for the current year;

(b) what was the demand made by the Government Of Uttar Pradesh for the current year; and

(c) to what extent the commitment has been fulfilled so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDF.): (a) No assurance for the supply of any specified quantity of wheat for the current year to U.P. has been given.

(b) Government of Uttar Pradesh have asked for an allocation of 2 lakh tonnes of foodgrains per month.

(c) For the 4 months January to April, 4.42 lakh tonnes of foodgrains have been supplied to U.P. For may and June, the allotment made is 1.10 lakh tonnes per month.

CONSTRUCTION OF BERTHS IN VISAKHAPATNAM PORT

•431. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of berths in Visakhapatnam port has been completed;

(b) whether the port is in a position to handle all the iron ore meant for export to Japan; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the negative, by when the port would be in a position to work to its full capacity?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) The construction of two iron ore berths and one general cargo berth has been completed. The fourth berth meant for general cargo is expected to be completed in December, 1967. A fertiliser berth has also been completed and commissioned in April, 1967.

(b) and (c) The ore handling plant at Visakhapatnam Port has been set up to handle export of iron ore from Kiriburu and Bailadilla mines. The present capacity of the plant is 4 million tonne, per annum which is adequate to cater to export target for 1967-68. The question of making certain improvements and modifications to the plant to increase its capacity to cater to the export target of six million tonnes per annum during subsequent years is under consideration.

चीनी के कारखानों द्वारा चीनी के संयंत्रों का खरीदा जाना

* 289. श्री राम सहाय : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नेशनल फेडरेशन ऑफ कोऑपरेटिव सुगर फैक्ट्रीज ने 1966-67 में चीनी के कितने कारखानों को चीनी के संयंत्र खरीदने में सहायता दी ; और

(ख) इन संयंत्रों के खरीदने के बाद क्या चीनी तैयार करने के कार्य में कोई प्रगति हुई है ?

†Postponed from the 5th June, 1967.