

cent groundnut flour and 25 per cent of Bengal gram flour fortified with vitamins. The Government of West Bengal has already established one unit at Calcutta with a capacity of one tonne per day while two private parties have also set up plants of one tonne capacity at Sitapur and Kota-dwara in Uttar Pradesh. A unit set up by a private party at Coimbatore has been producing Multipurpose Food for quite some time. The Central Food Technological Research Institute has also a pilot unit for the production of the food.

2. *Enriched Atta and Maida*.—Government have initiated a programme for the production of enriched atta and maida by the addition of 5-10 per cent of edible groundnut flour to atta and maida respectively. This scheme would extend the supplies of wheat in proportion to the groundnut flour added besides improving nutrition. The production of enriched atta is being undertaken in Bombay and that of maida in Kovilpatti.

3. *Blended atta*.—This is an experimental project taken up by the Department of Food at Madras. The blended atta is a blend of atta 75 per cent edible tapioca flour 17 per cent and edible groundnut flour 8 per cent. A unit for the production of 25 tonnes per day has been developed at Madras with the cooperation of a Four Mill. To begin with the Project has been initiated for a period of about 6 months and the initial production is being sent to Bihar for feeding drought-affected areas.

4. *Weaning Food*.—Malnutrition in India has its most serious consequences in the one-to-five age group. Generally, in this period of weaning or post-weaning and of rapid growth, diets are deficient in proteins, calories and certain vitamins. To make available a low cost fortified product a programme has been initiated for the production of Weaning food from vegetable protein sources by a joint col-

laboration of Messers Kaira Union, Department of Food and UNICEF.

5. *Balahar*.—Balahar is a newly developed highly nutritious food ideal for all weaning and preschool children. It is composed of vegetable proteins, from oilseed meals, cereal grain and milk powder and enriched with essential minerals and vitamins. A unit of the capacity of 30 tonnes per day has been developed at Bombay. The Food Corporation is also making arrangements for the production of Balahar in larger quantities.

6. *Nutro Biscuit*.—Britannia Company, Private Ltd. have taken up manufacture of Nutro Biscuits which are nutritious biscuits containing added proteins in the form of edible groundnut flour.

7. *Energy yielding non-cereal foods*.—Potato, sweet potato, tapioca and banana, are some of the best known energy yielding non-cereal foods that are also high yielding. When compared with cereals they produce three to four times as much calories per acre as cereals and are acceptable foods. The State Governments have programmes for increasing the production of energy yielding subsidiary foodstuffs particularly potatoes.

BUS SERVICE IN DELHI

•320. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bus service in Delhi has improved since the engaging of the private buses recently;

(b) the number of more private buses which are proposed to be engaged in the next two months;

(c) whether it is fact that ladies experience great inconvenience while boarding a private bus due to the foot board being slightly higher; and

(d) if so, whether it is proposed to provide temporarily an extra foot, board in the private buses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) The working of this arrangement is being watched.

(b) No decision has yet been taken on this matter by the Delhi Transport Undertaking.

(c) No such complaint has so far been received by the Undertaking.

(d) Does not arise.

SURVEY OF RABI HARVEST

*321. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 295 answered in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th June, 1967 and state:

(a) whether the firm estimates based on actual areas enumeration and crop-cutting surveys in regard to the Rabi harvest have been made available to the State Governments to the Government of India; and

(b) if so, what is the crop-wise and State-wise position of the Rabi harvest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. Complete information has not yet been received from all the States.

(b) Does not arise.

DISTRIBUTION OF SUJI AND MAIDA IN DELHI

616. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is fact that suji and maida are proposed to be issued against ration cards in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the quantity of suji and maida issued to ration card holder at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRI-

CULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) Suji and maida are rationed articles in Delhi since the 12th July, 1967.

(b) The entitlement of maida or suji for a period of 4 weeks is as follows:

Ration cards with 4 cereal units or less—
500 gms of maida and/or suji.

Ration cards with 5 cereal units or more—
1 Kg. of maida and/or suji.

ASKA COOPERATIVE SUGAR FACTORY IN ORISSA

617. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aska Cooperative Sugar Factory in Orissa either directly or through the Government of Orissa has represented to the Central Government that the price fixed for sugar in respect of Orissa is low and unremunerative to the industry; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) Sugar price for factories in Orissa for 1966-67, as in the case of other States, was initially 'fixed' on 1st February, 1967 at Rs. 140.05 per quintal on the basis of estimated recovery and duration of the season. The Government of Orissa represented for enhancement of the price for Aska Cooperative Factory in view of losses incurred by it. This was not agreed to. However, the ex-factory prices were reviewed on the basis of actual recovery and duration achieved by the factories and as a result thereof, the price for Orissa factories, including that of the Aska Cooperative, was increased to Rs. 149.05 per quintal with effect from the 14th July, 1967.