

**SUPPLY OF GRAINS TO FREE KITCHENS
IN SCARCITY AREAS**

32. SHRI RAM SAHAI:
SHRI V. M. CHORDIA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to lay a statement indicating the demands made by various State Governments in respect of allotment of grains to be supplied to free kitchens to feed the disabled and destitutes residing in the scarcity areas; and the quantity of grains allotted to each State Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): Free kitchens are being run by a number of voluntary organisations in various States. Foodgrains for running these free kitchens are mostly arranged by the voluntary organisations themselves. In some cases, they have asked for some quantities of foodgrains for running these free kitchens. The Ministry of Food and Agriculture have released foodgrains on economic prices to the voluntary organizations as indicated below:

	Tonnes
1. Ramakrishna Mission .	200
2. Central Relief Fund .	100
3. Marwari Relief Society .	100
4. Bihar Relief Committee .	1,000
5. U . C .	200
6. Commandant, Border Roads Organisation .	15
7. Shastri Sewa Niketan .	1.5
8. Akal Pedit Sahayata Samiti	85
TOTAL	1,617.35

The Prime Minister's Drought Relief Fund also occasionally releases foodgrains for running free kitchens.

The quantities released so far are given below:

	Tonnes
1. Bihar Relief Committee .	3,700
2. Ramakrishna Mission .	320
3. U.P. Drought Relief Committee	635
4. Central Relief Fund .	100
5. Marwari Relief Society .	15
6. Shastri Sewa Nik tan .	12
TOTAL	4,782

**PROBE INTO COST SCHEDULE OF SUGAR
INDUSTRY**

33. SHRI K. SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tariff Commission had been asked to probe into the cost schedules of the sugar industry;

(b) if so, the result of the probe; and

(c) if the probe is not yet completed, when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) Not yet, Madam. A proposal received from the sugar industry in this regard is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

FOOD AID FROM U.S.A. ETC.

34. SHRI RAM CHANDER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total food aid pledged to India by the United States of America, the other Aid India Consortium countries and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic for 1967-68;

(b) how much has already been received this year from each country; and

(c) how much more is expected from each country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD,

AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE):
(a) to (c) The information so far as it relates to firm commitments by these countries is given below:—

Name of country		('000 Metric tons) Total foodgrains pledged for 1967-68	Quantities arrived in 1967-68 (1st to 30th April, 1967)	Balance to be received
U.S.A. (under PL-480)	Wheat	1274.0	256.4	1017.6
(Balance of PL-480 Agreements entered into prior to 1-4-67)	Milo	855.3	202.3	652.9
U.S.S.R.	Wheat	61.1	43.2	17.9
(Balance of 2 lakh tons assistance given in December '66)				
<i>Other Aid India Consortium countries</i>				
Canada	Wheat	607.3	9.5	597.8
(Balance of special Aid offered in Nov. '66 and Mar. '67)	Wheat flour	33.4	..	33.4
TOTAL		2831.0	511.4	2319.6

RAISING OF AIR FARES

35. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL:
Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for raising air fares inside the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Indian Airlines Corporation have submitted proposals for increasing their passenger and freight rates to offset the additional expenditure consequent on revision of pay scales and service conditions of their employees and the effect of devaluation. The proposals are under examination.

DANTWALA COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE MARKETING

36. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dantwala Committee on co-operative marketing has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE):
(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A summary of the main recommendations made by the Committee is enclosed. [See Appendix LX, Annexure No. 1.]