

'Pakistan Observer' of 25th December 1966 to the effect that 190 Indian inland transport vessels and other river craft seized by local authorities in Pakistan in September-October 1965 were to be given away to some local shipping companies at nominal prices. The Government of India have lodged a strong protest against this move with the Government of Pakistan.

PRODUCTION OF HYBRID SEEDS

7. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the cooperative progress achieved in production of hybrid seeds in jowar, maize and bajra during the last year, in the States which are deficit in food-production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): It is presumed that the Hon. Members want to know the progress achieved in production of hybrid seeds of jowar, maize and bajra in the Cooperative Sector in the States deficit in food-production.

According to Information available, Cooperatives have taken to hybrid seed production in Bihar and Maharashtra. In view of the need for promoting the organisation of Cooperative Societies in the field of seed production, a Model Scheme for setting up Seed Producers' Cooperative Processing-Sale Societies was circulated by the National Cooperative Development Corporation to the State Governments in May 1966. Financial assistance has also been sanctioned by them to the Cooperative Society set up in Maharashtra under this scheme.

FOODGRAINS TRADE BY F.C.I.

8. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the names of the States which have so far asked the Food Corporation of India to take over the trade in foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): The Food Corporation of India is already functioning in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Mysore, Madras, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal as also in the Union Territories of Delhi and Pondicherry. The foodgrains handled and the scope of its functions in the foodgrains trade vary from State to State and are determined in consultation with the State Governments concerned.

9. [Transferred to the 23rd March, 1967.]

ADDITIONAL BUSES IN DELHI TRANSPORT UNDERTAKING

10. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Transport Undertaking have recently added more buses to its fleet; and

(b) if so, on how many route* additional buses have been put and whether their frequency has improved?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. ROY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Additional buses have been provided on 26 routes on which the frequency of services has correspondingly improved.

राज्यों के खाद्य-आवंटन में कटौती

11. श्री राजनारायण :

सरदार राम सिंह :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विदेश के घनाज का आयात कम होने की घाशंका है,