

HELP TO INDIAN SHIPS IN DISTRESS

***29. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the arrangements in India for pulling out and towing Indian ships which get grounded or sunk or are in distress in any other way;

(b) whether there have been any cases where powerful tugs had to be sent for from foreign countries to meet the situation; and

(c) whether there is any arrangement with the Indian Navy to lend their powerful tugs for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) To the extent possible, tugs from major ports, merchant ships and Naval vessels render assistance to Indian ships in distress.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The fleet tug available with the Navy is made use to the extent practicable for helping vessels in distress.

INCREASE IN PRICE OF IMPORTED WHEAT

***30. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of imported wheat has been increased recently in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The issue price of imported wheat for supply from central stocks to all State Governments and Union

Territories including Delhi has been increased with effect from 15th November, 1966.

(b) The increase in the issue price of imported wheat has been necessitated in order to narrow down the gap between the low price of imported wheat and the price of indigenous wheat and also to reduce the amount of subsidy being borne by the Central Government.

INCREASE IN PRICE OF D.M.S. GHEE

1. SHRI K. C. BAGHEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of ghee sold by the Delhi Milk Scheme has been raised with effect from 1st January, 1967; and

(b) if so, how much per quintal the price has been raised and on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir, With effect from 20th December, 1966.

(b) The price has been raised by Rs. 75.00 per quintal, due to increase in the procurement price of milk.

EXPORT OF SUGAR

2. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total quantity of sugar exported during the years 1964, 1965 and 1966, year-wise, and the amount of foreign exchange earned through these exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): The quantity of sugar exported and the amount