

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) : (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) In 1965-66, All India Crop Competitions have been conducted in two crops, paddy and wheat. The results of these competitions have not been announced so far as the yield data from some of the States has not been received.

Crop Competitions at State level are conducted by some State Governments. Results regarding the winners of State level competitions have not been received so far.

(b) The prizes awarded to the first three winners of All India Crop Competitions are Rs. 3,000, Rs. 1,200 and Rs. 800 respectively.

According to the scheme formulated by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the prizes for competitions conducted by State Governments for the first three winners are Rs. 2,000, Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 500. The actual amounts however slightly vary from State to State.]

DRY MILK FROM INTERNATIONAL AGENCY

*265. SHRI A. D. MANI : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agency for International Development has offered India 4,500 m. tons of dry milk to help the infants and pre-school age children in famine-hit areas; and

(b) if so, how this milk is going to be distributed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON) : (a) and (b) The Agency for International Development of the Government of the United States of America have allocated 4,500 metric tons of dry milk powder to the UNICEF for distribution

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in India under the latter's auspices as part of the general scarcity relief including supplementary feeding for vulnerable groups of the population. About 1,000 tons of this milk powder is intended to cover shortfalls in UNICEF's requirements for its existing milk distribution programmes and for the maintenance of normal operational reserves. The balance is for expansion of the existing programmes or establishment of new programmes in scarcity affected areas.

DREDGER-CUM-SURVEY LAUNCH POOL

*266. SHRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Dredger-cum-Survey Launch pool has been created; and

(b) if so, the details of the scope of its functions ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir. The survey launch pool has been functioning since 1962 when six launches were acquired. The launches have been carrying out survey work every year according to the programme approved by the Government of India.

As regards the dredgers, two 22 inch cutter suction dredgers were ordered. The first of them is ready for dredging operations and is on its way to Bhavnagar for operations at that Port. The second one is expected to be ready by the end of the year.

(b) The primary object is to assist the State Governments in maintaining the minor and Intermediate Ports in a state of operational efficiency. The survey launch pool carries out hydrographic surveys of the ports. The dredgers are intended to deepen the outer harbours and the bars at the entrance to ports.