

The amendments made since 1st July 1965, when the current U.S. Fiscal Year commenced, provided funds which were expected to fetch a total of 6.5 million tons of foodgrains. The last of these amendments was made on the 5th February 1966, providing funds for the purchase of about 2 million tons of wheat and one million tons of grain sorghum. No further commitment on the activities of the foodgrains ment so far.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **MEASURES TO MEET MONSOON FAILURE**

104. SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the concrete measures so far taken by Government to meet the food situation in the country arising on account of failure of monsoon etc.; and

(b) the progress so far achieved to meet the shortage of foodgrains in the country as a result of the measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) Additional 38 lakh acres are being brought under rabi and kharif foodgrains.

Attempt is being made to import about 10 to 12 million tonnes of foodgrains from abroad.

Procurement of foodgrains within the country has been intensified.

Statutory rationing has been introduced in Calcutta, Delhi, Madras, Coimbatore Hyderabad-Secunderabad, Vizakhapatnam and Kanpur. It is being extended to other big towns.

A scheme of starting scarcity works and distributing skimmed milk

powder, multi-vitamin tablets, etc. along with foodgrains on the work site has been started and is being gradually extended to all the affected areas to take care of the vulnerable sections of the population, including children. Control is being maintained on the activities of the foodgrains traders.

(b) There has been some progress in the matter of bringing additional acreage under foodgrains and in the matter of importing more foodgrains during the current year. Other measures are directed to relieve the distress caused by the shortage of foodgrains and not to make good the shortage. These measures have also produced more or less satisfactory results.

#### **FISHING HARBOUR AT MOPLAH BAY**

105. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the matter of establishing the fishing harbour at Moplah Bay, Cannanore District, Kerala; and

(b) how long it will take for the project to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) Out of total estimated cost of Rs. 32.66 lakhs on the construction of a fishing harbour at Moplah Bay, a sum of Rs. 12 lakhs has already been spent on provision of an approach road (1500' in length) up to the starting point of breakwater, 500' of rubble core of the breakwater and the work of reclamation and raising of the shore near the harbour site.

(b) The fishing harbour is expected to be completed by the end of 1967.