

delivery towards the end of 1966. The cost of these two aircraft, excluding spares, is estimated at Rs. 314 lakhs.

Air India are not replacing the Boeing they lost in January, 1966 as the Boeing which they were purchasing for charter to Indian Airlines Corporation will now be taken into their own service.]

FALL IN OUR PRICES

♦650. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any information from the Government of Uttar Pradesh to the effect that gur prices have fallen in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons for the fall; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Uttar Pradesh Government brought to the notice of the Central Government in the middle of February the downward trend in gur prices in the State.

(b) The reasons for the fall were the increased sugarcane supply and correspondingly increased production of sugar.

(c) The gur prices have since then shown an upward trend from the first week of March.

DIVERSION OF COTTON CULTIVATION TO FOOD CROPS

♦652. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States has indicated as one of its conditions for increased aid for agriculture that India should switch

over half the area of its present cotton cultivation to foodcrops; and

(b) if so, what are the views of Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA);

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

IMPORTED WHEAT UNDER PL-480

♦654. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement dated the 28th December, 1965 made by the outgoing Chairman of F.C.I. that the entire PL-480 wheat should be frozen as a buffer stock and distributed under Buffer Stock Act as in some European countries; and

(b) whether he has also suggested that the imported wheat should be sold at the same price as the indigenous wheat and sold to the deficit States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been suggested in the statement that the price of imported wheat should be equated to that of local wheat.

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*655. श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव : क्या खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1965 के वर्ष में गेहूं तथा चावल का कितना बफर स्टॉक बनाया गया और उसमें आयातित तथा स्वदेशी खाद्यान्न कितने-कितने थे ?