

50 on Ragi and 450 on Wheat. The area of the demonstration plot will be about 1-2 acres. To induce the cultivators to meet the cost of additional inputs a subsidy upto Rs. 200 per demonstration will be provided by the Government of India.]

REPLACEMENT OF CEREALS BY SUBSIDIARY FOODS

*166. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to replace cereals by subsidiary foods; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON) :

(a) There is no proposal to replace cereals by subsidiary foods. Government have however initiated a number of measures to reduce the consumption of cereals and at the same time improve the nutritional content in the diet by partially substituting cereals with subsidiary foods.

(b) A statement giving details of the various measures undertaken by the Government is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

1. *Food and Nutrition Extension Service.* A Food and Nutrition Extension Service has been organised for the popularisation of subsidiary foods, promotion of suitable dietary habits, dissemination of information on food preservation and nutrition and spreading necessary knowledge concerning scientific techniques of cookery and utilisation of food. Pilot studies with these aims in view are being undertaken with the help of five mobile food and nutrition vans. The programme is being intensified with the addition of 10 more mobile vans to be given as a gift by the FAO under the Freedom From Hunger Campaign programme. Booklets, folders, brochures, posters and recipe books are being produced in English, Hindi and regional languages for mass distribution besides publicity through press and radio.

2. *Groundnut Flour Project.*—With a view to developing new sources of vegetable

proteins for human consumption, two pilot plants, each with a capacity of 3,000 tonnes per annum, have been established, one at Bombay and the other at Coimbatore for the production of protein-rich edible groundnut flour. This edible groundnut flour is being added at 5-10 per cent level to atta in some of the flour mills in Gujarat and Maharashtra.

3. *Fairs and Exhibitions.*—Information concerning subsidiary foods, balanced diet, nutrition and food preservation is being disseminated through participation in fairs and exhibitions.

4. *Institutes of Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition and Food Polytechnics.*—Four institutes have been set up for imparting training in handling, utilisation and management of food. The programme is designed to promote scientific methods of cookery, handling and utilisation of food and popularisation of nutrition and food preservation.

5. *Production of Subsidiary Foods.*—There are a number of schemes for increasing the production of vegetables and quick growing subsidiary foods.

SINKING OF A SHIP NEAR CALCUTTA

*167. DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) who was the owner of the ship 'Ratna Savana' which, carrying rice from Burma, recently sank near Calcutta; and

(b) what was the term of insurance of the ship ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) The vessel m.v. "Ratna Shobhana" and not "Ratna Savana", which carried rice from Burma, recently sank near Calcutta, was owned by Ratnakar Shipping Company Limited, Calcutta.

(b) The m.v. "Ratna Shobhana" was covered against Marine risks with the Ruby General Insurance Company, Calcutta as under :—

Rs.

(i) Hull and Machinery ..	22,68,000
(ii) Freight ..	3,40,200
(iii) Disbursement ..	2,26,000