

(ख) अवमूल्यन के बाद हमारे बन्दर-गाहों पर इस गेहूँ का मूल्य (लागत भाड़ा सहित) रु० 56.76 प्रति क्विंटल होने का अनुमान है।

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

(a) The price (C.I.F.) of wheat imported from U.S.A. at our ports during the year ; 1966-67 before devaluation of the rupee was Rs. 36.04 per quintal.

(b) The price (C.I.F.) of this wheat at our ports after devaluation is estimated to be Rs. 56.76 per quintal.

POLITICAL BROADCASTS OVER ALL INDIA RADIO

232. SHRI N. R. M. SWAMY : Will the Minister of LAW be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commissioner proposes to call a conference of all-India political parties to consider the question of political broadcasts over All India Radio in connection with the coming General Elections;

(b) if so, on what basis the conference to proceed with the parties : and

(c) whether State parties will also be invited to participate in the conference?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW (SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Election Commissioner has invited the representatives of the seven bigger parties, namely, the Indian National Congress, the Communist Party of India, the Swatantra Party, the Praja Socialist Party, the Samyukta Socialist Party, the Akhil Bharatiya Jana Sangh and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) to an informal meeting on the 20th August, 1966.

(b) The basis on which the conference is to proceed is that broadcasting facilities for educating the electorate at the election time should not remain unutilised. An attempt in this respect was made in 1961 also and a full summary of the discussions which took place with the political parties, - that time has been given at pages 53 to 55 of the Report of the Election Commis-

sion on the Third General Elections in India, 1962.

(c) The conference proposed to be held on the 20th August, 1966 is only a first step to bring about an agreement so that party broadcasts would be a regular feature at the General Elections of 1967. Consultation with the representatives of other recognised parties in the country will follow in due course depending on the outcome of this first conference.

ERADICATION OF RAT MENACE IN U.P.

233. SHRI D. THENGARI : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uttar Pradesh had requested the Centre for the services of some experts to study the problem of rat menace and suggest suitable and effective measures for its eradication; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) : (a) No such request has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND

234. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : SHRI U. S. DUGAL : SHRI M. D. NARAYAN :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Tourist Development Fund; and

(b) if so, how much amount is earmarked for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) and (b) A proposal to set up a Tourist Development Loan Fund is under consideration of the Government.