

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON) : No, Sir.

SPECIAL TYPE AIRCRAFT FOR FARM OPERATIONS

220. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has requested the Ministry of Defence for (he supply of 250 special type aircraft for farm operations; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the request made in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) : (a) No such request has been made to the Ministry of Defence.

(b) Does not arise.

FAMINE CONDITIONS IN ORISSA

221. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state whether any Inquiry Commission has been set up by the Central Government to go into the causes of famine conditions in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON) : No, Sir.

CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

222. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Agricultural Research Service is proposed to be constituted shortly; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE,

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) : (a) and (b) The Governing Body of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has approved, in principle, a proposal for the constitution of an Agricultural Research Service. The details of the proposal are being worked out.

IMPORT OF SORGHUM AS PART OF FOOD AID UNDER PL-480

223. SHRI RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has agreed to take a certain amount of Sorghum as part of the emergency food aid under PL-480; and

(b) if so, the quantity of Sorghum that will be imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) and (b) Under the letters exchanged on the 5th February, 1966 and the 27th May, 1966, amending the PL-480 Agreement of 30th September, 1964 between the Governments of the U.S.A. and India, supplementary funds amounting to \$ 480.38 million for the import of foodgrains and other agricultural commodities were provided, including \$ 88.99 million for the grain Sorghum. This amount is expected to fetch about 1.75 million tonnes of Sorghum.

POULTRY FEED PLANT IN CO-OPERATIVE SECTOR

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a poultry feed plant in the co-operative sector has been set up in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the working of this plant ?

Tin; DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores Limited has installed a poultry feed plant in Delhi.