

JAPANESE SHIPPING LINE

*318. SHRI U. S. DUGAL :
DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI
TALWAR :
SHRI JAGAT NARAIN :

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

(a) whether Government have received reports from the All India Port and Dock Workers Federation that a Japanese Shipping Line will trade between China and Pakistan *via*. Bombay Port; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Normally in peace time cargo from China to Pakistan and *vice versa* can legally be carried in Japanese ships when they touch Indian ports.

PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS BY F.C.I.

*319. SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of foodgrains procured by the Food Corporation of India in different States during 1965 and so far in 1966; and

(b) the expenditure incurred by the Corporation in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON) : (a) A quantity of about 14.4 lakh tonnes of foodgrains has been purchased by the Food Corporation of India in different States during 1965 and 1966 uptill 22nd July 1966.

(b) Figures of expenditure incurred only on procurement are not available. The total administrative expenditure incurred by the Corporation from 1st January 1965 to end of June, 1966 on all operations including procurement of foodgrains, purchase of ground-nut oil, storage of foodgrains, movement and distribution comes approximately to Rs. 1.43 crores.

CUT IN WHEAT SHIPMENTS FROM USA

*320. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK :
SHRI B. K. MAHANTI :

Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have been given any indication by the Government of U.S.A. that wheat shipments from U.S.A. are likely to be cut to meet their domestic requirements as a result of drought and damage to U.S. crops; and

(b) if so, by what quantity the cut is expected to be imposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON) : (a) There has been no formal indication from the Government of U.S.A. to this effect so far.

(b) The question of further supplies of wheat after October, 1966, when the currently allocated quantity under PL 480 is shipped, is being taken up with the U.S. Government. It is not possible at this stage to indicate the additional quantity which might be agreed to be provided under PL 480.

MILK SUPPLY IN DELHI

*321. SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state the steps taken by Government so far to increase the milk supply to Delhi and the neighbouring areas ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

The following steps have been taken for increasing the supply of milk to Delhi and neighbouring areas :—

(i) Firm agreements have been entered into with the contractors who supply milk to Delhi Milk Scheme, subjecting them to a penalty of Rs. 5 per quintal in case