

month for distribution in the State. The State Government have stepped up distribution through fair price shops to provide relief to the people.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHIEF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

27. SHRI SANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV: Will the Minister of Food and AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the important recommendations of the Chief Ministers' Conference held recently in New Delhi; and

(b) what action, if any, has been taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). A Statement showing the decision reached at the Chief Ministers' Conference held between 24th and 26th June, 1964 and the action taken thereon is attached. [See Appendix XLIX, Annexure No. 2].

INSTALLATION OF MODERN RADIO AIDS AT PALAM AIRPORT

28. SHRI SANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently installed modern radio aids for air navigation at Palam Airport; and

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred thereon and whether the equipment is locally manufactured or imported?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) and (b). A very High Frequency Omni-Directional Radio Range (VOR) has been recently installed at Palam Airport at a cost of Rs 2,95,290. The equipment is an imported one.

RICE OFFERS FROM BURMA, THAILAND AND CAMBODIA

29. SHRI P. L. KUREEL URF TALIB: Will the Minister of Food and AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether any offers have been received by the Government of India from Burma, Thailand, Cambodia and other countries for the supply of substantial

quantity of rice, if so, what are the conditions of such offers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): Yes, Sir. Apart from U.S.A. from where rice is imported under PL-480 Agreement, varying quantities of rice were offered by Burma, Cambodia and Thailand for purchase against foreign exchange and by Pakistan against barter. Purchase contracts for 70,000 tons from Pakistan under a barter arrangement and 10,000 tons from Thailand have since been concluded. It is proposed to purchase 10,000 tons from Cambodia very shortly.

TUBEWELL EXPLORATION IN MYSORE STATE

30. SHRI SHERKHAN: Will the Minister of Food and AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tubewells have been sunk under the Tubewell Exploration Scheme in Mysore State; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such tubewells with their places of exploration and what are the results?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). Under the Groundwater Exploration Project, four exploratory boreholes were drilled in the State of Mysore at Badami, Halkurki and Tadewadi of Bijapur district and at Chitapur of Gulberga District. All the boreholes were abandoned due to inadequate discharge of water.

PRICE COMMISSION FOR FOODGRAINS

31. SHRI G. MURAHARI: Will the Minister of Food and AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to constitute a price commission to fix the prices at which the producer would sell his foodgrain; and

(b) if so, whether the prices would be fixed before the harvest and whether the commission would be a permanent body?