

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Delhi Administration made a statement that these raids were not to bring out hoarded food-grains 'but for verification of the stocks; if so, what is the actual position in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). No statement was made by the police authorities to the effect that they had seized 2 lakh maunds of hoarded food-grains. As news appeared in the papers about the police having uncovered considerable quantities of hoarded grains, the Chief Commissioner of Delhi called a press conference and explained that the operations were conducted for physical verification of stocks with the licensees.

RICE MILL MACHINERY

328. SHRI SIT ARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a Government delegation visited Europe in the month of July to buy rice mill machinery for the public sector;

(b) if so, who were the members of the delegation; and

(c) what is the result of the visit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) Yes.

(b) The delegation consisted of Dr. P. K. Kymal, Technical Adviser, Department of Food, Dr. Dorris D. Brown, a Ford Foundation expert and Shri V. S. T. Mudaliar, a representative of the co-operative rice milling industry in India.

(c) The delegation studied on the spot the combinations of the different modern equipments, assessed their technical efficiency, selected six units that are designed to give an increase in outturn of rice from paddy, negotiated prices, arranged for trial run-

ning, of the mil^l and training of Indian technicians, and discussed about the programmes of development of the improved equipments in India.

IMPORT OF WHEAT FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

329. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America has offered to ship four million tons of wheat to India; and

(b) if so, how much quantity has so far been received?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) At present wheat is being imported from U.S.A. from out of the quantities which were carried forward from the 4 year Agreement of May, 1960 which expired at the end of June, 1964. A new Agreement under PL. 480 is under negotiation with the U.S. Government which would enable imports of wheat to be continued when the present quantity is used up. It is not possible at this stage to indicate the quantity of wheat which would be covered under the new agreement.

(b) Does not arise.

ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

330. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have decided to start a Road Safety Council; and

(b) if so, what will be the functions of this organisation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER in THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI I AHMED MOHTUDDIN): (a) and (b) The Government of India propose to