

DELHI-TOKYO RADIO TELETYPE LINK

*159. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state,

(a) whether it is a fact that a Delhi-Tokyo radio teletype link is expected to be opened shortly; and

(b) what other centres are proposed to be linked in this way?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN):

(a) The link was opened from the 10th January, 1961.

(b) None for the time being.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: May I know the cost of such a link?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: The annual cost would be about Rs 3.67,000.

STOCKS OF IMPORTED MILO

*160. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what quantity of milo imported from the United States of America last year is lying in stock with Government at present; and

(b) how Government propose to dispose of the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Out of about 53 thousand metric tons of milo imported in December, 1960 and January, 1961, about 40.6 thousand metric tons still remain undisposed of.

(b) By issue to the State Governments for sale through fair price shops and also through public auctions.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know the reason why this milo was imported?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: There was the possibility of scarcity conditions

developing both in Mysore as well as Andhra Pradesh because of draught conditions there and we had necessarily to plan in advance and we placed orders for importing this.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if the Government will have to incur any loss in selling it and, if so, what will be the approximate loss?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: It cannot be said that we would be incurring any loss. We are disposing of it at Rs. 11 per maund. The cost would be Rs. 11.28. Of course, this was imported under P.L. 480 Agreement. It is too early to say whether we would be incurring any loss. Even if we were to incur some loss, it was worthwhile. There has been an improvement in the conditions both in Andhra and Mysore.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if it is going to be disposed of in the same region or elsewhere in India?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Anywhere in India where it would be necessary.

SALE OF WHEAT BY MADHYA PRADESH TO MAHARASHTRA AND GUJARAT

*161. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat sold by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat during the last three months; and

(b) the rates at which it was sold?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, what amount of stocks of wheat is still lying with the Madhya Pradesh Government?