

RESOLUTIONS BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF A. I. R. F.

22. SHRI S. GURUSWAMI : (a) Will the MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether he has received copies of the Resolutions passed by the General Council of All India Railwaymen's Federation at its last session held at Amingaon ?

(b) If so what action do Government propose to take on each of the said Resolutions ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) Yes.

(b) The Resolutions in question are under examination at present. The All India Railwaymen's Federation will be advised of the result of the examination in due course.

VISIT BY THE INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP OF INLAND WATERWAYS.

23. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places in India visited by the International Study Group of Inland Waterways ;

(b) whether the Government of India have accepted the recommendations of the Study Group ; and

(c) what was the expense that India incurred on the visit of the Study Group ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) During their short stay of three days in India, the Study Group of Inland Water Transport experts visited the Port of Calcutta where they inspected inland steamer *ghats* and the repair and docking facilities of the Joint Steamer Companies. They also made short trips on the Hooghly river and through the navigation canals in the area.

(b) The Study Group has only submitted an interim report to the ECAFE a copy of which has been received. The final report is awaited.

(c) The entire expenditure on the tour, excepting for a sum of Rs. 3,700 on account of the travelling allowances of the experts from India to Bangkok and back, was borne by the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations Organisation.

भारत का पाकिस्तान को गेहूं देना

श्री एन० एस० चौहान : (क) खाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सत्य है कि पाकिस्तान सरकार ने भारत सरकार से गेहूं की मांग की है ; और

(ख) यदि प्रश्न (क) का उत्तर 'हां' में है तो भारत सरकार ने इस पर क्या निर्णय किया ?

[SUPPLY OF WHEAT TO PAKISTAN]

24. SHRI N. S. CHAUHAN : Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Government has requested the Government of India to give her some quantity of wheat ; and

(b) if so, what decision has the Government of India taken on this request ?]

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI) : (a) and (b). Yes. In view of the Pakistan Government's urgent need for wheat, the Government of India have communicated to that Government their willingness to arrange diversion of two cargoes of wheat which are due to arrive at an Indian port, the transaction to be so arranged that replacement for us will be on a 'no profit no loose' basis.