

contract import of rice from Pakistan in return for Indian goods;

(b) if so, the quantity of rice proposed to be imported; and

(c) the main terms of the agreement?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An agreement was signed on the 11th January, 1965 for the purchase of 50,000 tons of rice from Pakistan.

(c) Payment for the rice will be made in non-convertible Indian rupees to be utilised by Pakistan for the purchase of goods from India.

#### Calcutta Port

\*217. { Shri Surendra Pal Singh:  
Shri D. D. Puri:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the shipping companies which use Calcutta Port have complained of slow movement of ships to and from that port and have threatened to enhance their freight charges if conditions do not improve immediately; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government and the Calcutta Port Authorities to improve port operations in Calcutta and to remove the legitimate grievances of the shippers?

**The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

#### Goa as Tourist Centre

{ Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
Shri D. N. Tiwary:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
\*218. { Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
Shri E. G. Dubey:  
Shri Heda:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri K. N. Tiwary:  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether Government propose to develop Goa as a tourist centre?

**The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur):** Yes, because of its various tourist attractions.

#### Food Policy

{ Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri S. B. Patil:  
Shri Hem Barua:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
\*219. { Shri Mohan Swarup:  
Shri Madhu Limaye:  
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:  
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are experiencing difficulties in securing full co-operation from the States in implementing the agreed food policy;

(b) whether it is a fact that the surplus States did not carry out fully the obligations they had undertaken; and

(c) the steps taken to evolve a food policy on an all-India basis?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) to (c). As the interests of surplus and deficit States are not identical, there is bound to be some difference of approach. It is, however, not a fact that Government are experiencing difficulties in securing co-operation from the States. Some of the surplus States could not fully meet the obligations undertaken by them due to certain unforeseen developments. Frequent consultations with the State Governments are held and the food policy in India is evolved on an agreed all-India basis.

**बीज निगम**

- \* 220. { श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरबा :  
 श्री प० ह० भील :  
 श्री प्र० चं० बरधवा :  
 श्री प्र० रं० चक्रवर्ती :  
 श्री पें० बेंकटालुब्बया :  
 श्री बिभूति मिश्र :  
 श्री कपूर सिंह :  
 श्री प्र० के० देव :  
 श्री नरसिम्हा रेड्डी :  
 श्री फ० जी० सेन :  
 श्री राम सेवक :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार खाद्य संकट को हल करने के लिए एक बीज निगम बनाने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो योजना की मुख्य-मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ;

(ग) क्या राज्य सरकारों को योजना भेज दी गयी है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस पर उनकी क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री चि० सुब्रह्मण्यम्) : (क) से (घ). भारत सरकार ने धान तथा गेहूँ को छोड़ कर विभिन्न फसलों

के बीजों का उत्पादन तथा विपणन करने के लिए कम्पनी अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत स्वायत्त निकाय के रूप में एक राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम की स्थापना की है। इस समय राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम संकर मक्का, संकर ज्वार तथा कुछ प्रकार की सब्जियों और चारे के बीजों के सम्बन्ध में कार्य कर रहा है।

राजकीय बीज सम्बन्धन फार्मों में प्राधार-बीजों के उत्पादन के पश्चात् उसमें प्रागे विभिन्न स्तरों पर उनके संवर्धन, प्रमाणीकरण, उपलब्धि, भण्डारण तथा उचित मूल्यों तथा उचित समय पर कृषकों को वितरित करने की समस्या बनी रहती है। इन सब कार्यों को प्रभावशाली ढंग में करने के लिए भारत सरकार ने राज्य सरकारों को यह सुझाव दिया है कि इसके लिए राजकीय बीज निगमों की स्थापना की जाए जिसमें कि कार्यक्रम को अर्ध-व्यापारिक ढंग में चलाया जा सके। उनकी प्रतिक्रिया की प्रतीक्षा है।

**Farmers' Role in Country's Economy**

- \* 221. { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
 Shri D. N. Tiwary:  
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:  
 Shri Hukam Chand  
 Kachhavaia:  
 Shri Bade:  
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
 Shri Man Singh P. Patel:  
 Shri Kapur Singh:  
 Shri P. K. Deo:  
 Shri Narasimha Reddy:  
 Shri Gulshan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme is being finalised to give more recognition to the role of farmers in the development of the country's economy; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is given below.