

श्री बलराम बाबू : शुक है बंटे नहीं हुआ, बंटे है... (अवधान) मैं सारा बंदो-बस्त इस हिसाब से करना चाहता हूँ कि इन इन्स्टीट्यूट पर जोर दिया जाए और इसीलिए दो मिनिस्ट्रियाँ बनाई गई हैं जिससे कि इस काम को हम बढ़ावा दे सकें और माने वाले जमाने में एक नया डाइवर्सिफिकेशन करें। वरना किसान के पास पैसा नहीं जाता है। उसकी जेब में पैसा जाना जरूरी है।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Centenary celebration of Telugu play

"KANYASULKAM"

*63. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the centenary of a great social play in Telugu "Kanyasulkam" by the immortal poet Gurujada Appa Rao was observed recently in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have recognised the event and what action has been taken in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government celebrates the birth centenaries and jubilee years of outstanding personalities and national events like Quit India Movement. There is no procedure by which Government of India can 'recognise' any event.

Import of wheat

*66. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what is the purchase rate and total cost of imported wheat;

(b) whether it is a fact that wheat could have been procured internally at a cheaper rate even by providing remunerative prices to the farmers of the country; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not procuring wheat internally ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) :

(a) The FOB cost of wheat for which contracts have been signed is as under :—

Country of origin	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	FOB cost (in US\$ PMT)
Canada	10.05	147.78 (Average)
Australia	5.00	137.50
Australia	5.00	135.00
U.S.A.	9.85	110.50 Oct-Dec. '92 shipment 112.50 Jan-March '93 shipment

The total CIF cost of 29.90 lakh tonnes of wheat being imported from Canada, Australia and U.S.A. is estimated to be US \$ 497.94 million or Rs. 1294 crores. This includes ocean freight and insurance charges. Foreign exchange outgo on ocean freight will get reduced to the extent Indian ships are used.

(b) and (c) The procurement price of wheat of Rs. 280/- per quintal (comprising of the minimum support price of Rs. 250/-, Central incentive bonus of Rs. 25/- and State bonus of Rs. 5/- per quintal paid in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan) paid to the farmers for procurement of wheat during the current 1992-93 rabi