

(b) by when all the States are likely to be brought under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The General Insurance Corporation of India have already taken up a Cattle Insurance Scheme which is in vogue throughout the country.

Opening of second channel of Doordarshan at Hyderabad and Bangalore

2583. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to have second channel under Hyderabad and Bangalore Doordarshan Kendras;

(b) if so, by when they are likely to be commissioned; and

(c) when commissioned what would be the major thrust of these second channel programmes?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Allotment of essential Commodities to Andhra Pradesh

2584. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the allotment of the items such as rice, wheat and Palmolive Oil to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) what has been the demand of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the same commodities during these last three years; and

(c) what has been the reaction of Andhra Pradesh Government to the final allotment of these commodities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) Allotment of foodgrains and imported edible oils under the Public Distribution System to States/UTs including Andhra Pradesh is supplementary in nature and is not expected to meet the full requirements of any State/UT. The allotment by the Centre of these commodities to States/UTs is decided depending upon the stocks available with the Central Government, relative demands of various States/UTs, past lifting, open market availability etc.

A statement indicating demand and allotment of wheat, rice and imported edible oils to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years is annexed.

Statement

(Figures in '000 tonnes)

Year	Wheat		Rice	
	Demand	Allotment	Demand	Allotment
1985.	252	252	1210	1090
1986.	252	252	2285	1240
1987.	290	252	2370	1165

(Figures in 000'tonnes)

Year	Demand	Allotment
<i>Imported Edible Oils</i>		
1984-85	175	106.30
1985-86	195	102.50
1986-87	201	108.83

Rice Production in the eastern zone

2585. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) what has been the level of production of rice in eastern zone during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there had been any marked improvement in the production of rice in the eastern zone since the thrust was given for rice production in the zone about two years back; and

(c) if so, what has been the specific increase in rice production in Eastern zone since the thrust for rice production was initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The level of production of rice in the eastern zone viz. in the States of Assam, Bihar, East Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, East Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, where the Centrally Sponsored Special Rice Production Programme is being implemented during each of the last three years is given below:—

1984-85 (base)	310.0 lakh tonnes
1985-86	358.2 lakh tonnes
1986-87	332.2 lakh tonnes

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As stated at (a) above, the rice production has gone up during 1985-86 and 1986-87 as compared to the base year of 1984-85.

Allocation of white butter to various dairy Federations

2586. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Co-operative Dairy Federation of India has recommended to National Dairy Development Board for allocation of about 5000MT of white butter to various dairy federations;

(b) if so, whether National Dairy Development Board proposes to allocate the same on the basis of table butter supplied to civilian market in 1986-87; and

(c) whether NDDB feels that in a year of drought the imported butter should be allocated for making table butter for select consumers instead of being made into milk for a majority of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is the policy of National Dairy Development Board to issue imported butter to the user dairies primarily to extend the supply of liquid milk. However, the allocation of imported butter for manufacture of table butter could be considered only after meeting the requirements of dairies for recombination purposes.