

Allotment of foodgrains to Maharashtra

2408. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA;

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late the Centre's allotment of rice, wheat and Jowar to Maharashtra has fallen perceptively;

(b) if so, what is the percentage fall this year as compared to the last two years;

(c) what is the monthly requirement of Maharashtra in respect of these foodgrains; and

(d) whether the Central Government propose to augment the supply of these foodgrains to Maharashtra in view of the acute drought there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MISS KAMLA KUMARI): (a) and (b) Allocations of foodgrains to various States, including Maharashtra, are made on a month to month basis taking into account the availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market availability pattern of offtake and other related factors. As a result of monthly reviews of the requirements of foodgrains of the various States, the allocations are rationalised from time to time. The allocations of foodgrains to Maharashtra this year for the period from January, 1982 to November, 1982 are less by 17 per cent as compared with the allocations made during the corresponding period last year, and by 25 per cent, in comparison with those during January, 1980 to November, 1980. However, this only rectified the distortions in allocations, since actual offtake from the Central Pool in those years was much below the allocated quantities.

(c) The latest monthly demand for foodgrains allocation received from the State Government is 60,000 tonnes of rice and 1,10,000 tonnes of wheat.

(d) The monthly quota of wheat for Public Distribution System in the State has been increased from 45,000 tonnes in October, 1982 to 55,000 tonnes in November, 1982. Besides, the State has also been allocated a quantity of 25,000 tonnes of rice and 30,300 tonnes of wheat Tor roller flour mills in November, 1982.

Rigs for Tamilnadu water and drainage Board

2409. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI V. VENKA;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether the Central Government have received an/ request from Tamilnadu Government to have more rigs for Tamilnadu Water and Drainage Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Works and Housing is administratively concerned with this subject.

**इन्दौर में केन्द्रीय दल द्वारा खाद के नमूनों का
लिखा जाना**

**2410. श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल :
श्री अश्विनी कुमार :**

*** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा
करेंगे कि :**

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के इन्दौर जिले में किसानों को बेची गई खाद के नमूने इस वर्ष जुलाई अगस्त के महीने में लिये गये और क्या इनकी जांच रिपोर्ट जबलपुर में प्राप्त हो गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त जांच रिपोर्टों का ब्योरा क्या है ; और