

Chotanagpur and what are Government's plans regarding the rotted wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN). (a) and (b). No wheat rake of open wagons was booked by the Food Corporation of India from Barnala to Dhanbad on 1st May, 1981. However, one wheat rake, comprising of 41 open box wagons was booked from Barnala to Dhanbad on 30/6- 1/7/81, of which 29 open box wagons were diverted to Tatisilwai under re-booking railway receipt No. 375601 dated 10-7-81. Out of the said 29 open box wagons diverted to Tatisilwai, 17 box wagons were unloaded at Tatisilwai during the period 16-7-81 to 21-7-81. The remaining 12 box wagons were diverted to Ranchi under re-booking railway receipt No. 037958 dated 21-7-81. These 12 box wagons were unloaded at Ranchi.

(c) At present, the monthly allotments of foodgrains to various States from the Central pool are of the order of 1.4 million tonnes. As a major portion of central stocks are concentrated in the North Zone, about 1100-1300 BG wagons are required to be loaded daily from the Northern Railway to various deficit States all over the country. The endeavour of the Government/Food Corporation of India is to load foodgrains in covered wagons as far as possible. However, to the extent the supply of covered wagons by the railways falls short of the requirements, open wagons are also used for loading foodgrains (mainly wheat) to maintain the movement at the required level and to reach the foodgrains to the needy areas in time. This is being done on a clear understanding from the Railways that the foodgrains loaded in open wagons will be duly covered and secured with tarpaulins and escorted by the Railway Protection Force personnel throughout the rail transit of wagons. The rain affected

wheat is segregated and categorised by a Committee of Officers of the Food Corporation of India nominated for the purpose. After segregation and categorisation, the wheat is disposed of for Roller Flour Mills, Cattle Feed, Poultry Feed, Manurial purposes and industrial use in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee of Officers. Such damaged stocks which cannot be used for any of the said purposes are destroyed by dumping.

Auction of Rhinos horns by Assam Government

2691. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the quantum of Assam's one-horn-Rhino's horns sold or auctioned by Government of Assam in 1978-79 and 1979-80 and 1980-81, respectively and what were the selling price per kilo in the above three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): No sale or auction of Rhino horns has been held by Government of Assam since 1978-79, according to information furnished by the State Government.

नाव से उर्वक उपहार

2692. श्री नागश्वर प्रसाद शसाही : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बातों की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत को नावों से 1979-80 के वर्ष के अन्त में 45 करोड़ रुपए के मूल्य के उर्वरक उपहार स्वरूप प्राप्त हुये थे; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या यह उर्वरक किसानों को उपहार स्वरूप दिया गया अथवा उनको बेचा गया ?