

उपलब्ध अनुमान, 1979-80 के फसल मौसम के लिये आन्ध्र प्रदेश में 11.55 रुपये महाराष्ट्र में 10.92 रुपये तथा उत्तर प्रदेश में 8.77 रु० निकालते हैं।

(ख) और (ग) :

गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गन्ने की खेती में उपयोग किये जाने वाले विभिन्न आदानों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि हुई है। इस अवधि के दौरान आदान लागत में वृद्धि होने के साथ-साथ गन्ने के सांविधिक न्यूनतम मूल्य में भी वृद्धि हुई है। इस प्रकार उदाहरणार्थ 1978-79 तथा 1981-82 के बीच पंजाब में विभिन्न आदानों के मूल्य सूचकांक में 28 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई तथा गन्ने के न्यूनतम साह्य्य मूल्य में 30 प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी हुई। गन्ने की खेती की लागत के उपलब्ध आंकड़ों के अनुसार 1977-78 तथा 1979-80 के बीच आंध्र प्रदेश में प्रति हेक्टर लागत में 27.6 प्रतिशत तथा महाराष्ट्र में 51.5 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई।

*57. [Transferred to the 3rd December, 1981]

Central assistance to the victims of

Cyclone storm and heavy rain

तथापि, गन्ना उत्पादकों का सिंचन बाधा

*58. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA: SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of life, crops and property in the recent cyclone storm and heavy rain which swept over the Saurashtra-Kutch region of

Gujarat and other parts of the country; and

(b) the details of the compensation/ relief given by Government to the victims so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) According to the information received from the Government of Gujarat, the districts of Junagadh, Rajkot and Jamnagar were seriously affected districts, while the districts of Bhavnagar, Surendrenagar, Amreli and Kachchh were affected to a lesser extent. The extent of damages are as follows:—

Cropped area affected 16.70 lakh ha Number of human lives lost . 13 Number of houses / huts damaged/collapsed . 16022 Loss of animals . 11714

Estimated value of the public properties like roads irrigation works, Government buildings etc. . Rs. 350.00 lakhs

No report has been received about damage due to this cyclone from other parts of the country.

(b) According to the scheme of financing relief expenditure on account of natural calamities, the responsibility is of the State Government to provide relief to the affected people. The State Government has a margin money of Rs. 956 lakhs during the current financial year to meet the immediate requirements.

Details of the compensation/relief given by the State Government are awaited.

Conversion of Katihar-Borsoi-Silliguri- New Jalpaiguri Meter Gauge line into Broad Gauge

*59. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to

convert the metre gauge line of Katihar-Borsoi-Siliguri-New Jalpai-gitri into broad gauge.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed; and

(d) what is the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Conversion of Katihar-Barsoi-Sili-guri-New Jalpaiguri MG section into BG (209.01 km3.) as a part of doubling of Kumedpur-Barsoi-New Jalpai-guri-Raninagar section has already been approved and included in the Railway Budget for 1981-82 at an estimated cost of Rs. 42.70 crores, with an initial provision of Rs 50 lakhs during the year. Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for the proposed conversion sanctioned in July, 1981, is in progress. The construction work till be taken in hand after the survey is completed and project estimate sanctioned. It is, therefore, too early to indicate the target date of completion of this project at this stage.

Procurement prices Of wheat suggest. ed by APC for 1982-83

*60. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the suggestions recently received from the Agricultural Prices Commission regarding the procurement price of wheat for the 1982-83 season and the administered prices of such vital inputs as fertilisers, diesel, and pesticides, development ex-

penditure on varietal diversification and seed multiplication of high yielding varieties; and

(b) what action Government have taken on these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The main recommendations in the Report on Price Policy for Wheat for the 1981-82 crop (to be marketed in 1982-83) submitted by the Agricultural Prices Commission are as under:

(1) the procurement price for wheat for the 1981-82 crop be fixed at Rs. 142 per quintal.

(2) the administered prices of such vital inputs as fertilisers, diesel and pesticides be kept under control particularly when the corner-stone of economic policy is to contain inflation; and

(3) instead of concentrating on a few varieties, research and development emphasis should shift to varietal diversification suited to the environmental conditions of different regions, and high priority be accorded to the seen multiplication of those high yielding varieties which are resistant to the new races of rust and to Kernal bunt.

(b) The Report has been sent to the Chief Ministers of important wheat producing and consuming States for their views/comments on the APC's recommendations. The decision will be taken by the Government, after ascertaining the views Of the States and the concerned Economic Ministries.

Flood Victims

284. SHRI SYED SHAHEDULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flood victims reported this year, State-wise;