

**Statement**

*Statewise procurement of wheat during 1979-80  
Rabi Marketing season (Position as on  
10-7-1979)*

State	Quantity procured (lakh tonnes)
Bihar . . . . .	0.81
Gujarat. . . . .	Neg.
Haryana . . . . .	13.86
Himachal Pradesh . . . . .	0.02
Jammu & Kashmir . . . . .	0.15
Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	0.96
Punjab . . . . .	41.40
Rajasthan . . . . .	2.96
Uttar Pradesh . . . . .	18.14
West Bengal . . . . .	0.03
Chandigarh . . . . .	Neg.
Delhi . . . . .	0.12
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>78.45</b>

Neg.—Below 500 tonnes.

**Stone cancer afflicting Taj Mahal**

248. SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:  
SHRI KALP NATH RAI: SHRI  
S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether stone cancer afflicting the Taj Mahal is showing signs of proliferation; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Discolouring, flaking, pitting, blackening of the fractured portions etc., have been observed on the marble stones of the Taj Mahal.

(b) The Surveyy has set up an Air-pollution control centre at Agra and also conducting experiments with different stone-preservatives to find out their efficacy against injurious gases. Steps are being taken to control the atmospheric pollution resulting from the Railway shunting yard; Thermal Power Station and over two hundred and fifty industrial foundries.

**National Education Policy**

249. SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN  
SINGH:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA;  
SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have obtained the views of the various State Governments on the National Education Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b) The Draft National Policy on Education, 1979 which was laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 2nd May, 1979 was prepared after consultation with various educational authorities including the State Governments.

This Draft has since been widely circulated and Comments, including those of the State Governments are being examined.

**Appointment of a Review Committee on working of Institute of Advance Studies, Simla**

250. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:  
SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN  
SINGH: SHRI KALP  
NATH RAI: SHRI SHRIKANT  
VERMA: SHRI BIPINPAL DAS:

PROF. SURENDRA BHAT-  
TACHARJEE: SHRI JAGJIT SINGH  
ANAND: SHRI DEVENDRA NATH  
DWIVEDI: SHRI BHAGAT RAM  
MANHAR: SHRI YOGENDRA  
SHARMA: SHRI BHUPESH  
GUPTA: SHRI CHARANJIT  
CHANANA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION,  
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
have decided to close the Indian Institute of  
Advance Studies in Simla;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact the Government  
had appointed a Review Committee to go into  
the working of the Institute;

(d) whether the Committee has submitted  
its report to Government, and if so, whether  
the same will be placed on the Table of the  
House; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that one  
member of the Committee recommended the  
winding up of the Institute and the Ministry of  
Education was against winding up of the Insti-  
tute, if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,  
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR.  
PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-DER): (a) Yes,  
Sir,

(b) to (d) In September, 1977, the  
Government of India appointed a Committee  
to review the functioning of the Institute. It  
submitted its report in April, 1978. The  
Committee had inter-alia expressed the view  
that there was no justification for the con-  
tinuance of the Institute in its present form  
and that if the Institute had to continue, its  
character should be changed and the objectives  
revised. The Committee also pointed out  
certain built-in deficiencies in the concept of  
an Institute of Advanced Study with its  
location at

Simla. The cost of locating it at any other  
place was considered but in view of the large  
expenditure involved in doing so, the  
Government came to the conclusion that the  
balance of advantage lay in closing down the  
Institute.

Copies of English version of the Report  
have been made available to the Parliament  
House Library.

(e) None of the members of the Committee  
made any categorical recommendation on the  
winding up of the Institute. This was,  
however, one of the alternatives considered by  
the Committee. Government has taken the  
decision to close down the institute, as stated  
above.

#### Shortage of postal articles

<sup>1</sup> 251. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN:  
DR. (MRS.) SATHIAVANI MU-  
THU: SHRIMATI NOORJEHAN  
RAZAK: SHRI E. R. KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNI-  
CATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been  
shortages of postal articles\* like post card and  
inland letters in the Western and Southern  
Postal Circles;

(b) if so, whether an enquiry has been  
made in this regard;

(c) what are the findings in regard to the  
(i) period and (ii) shortage\* in each case; and

(d) what remedial steps are being taken in  
this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI  
NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) to  
(c) There has been shortage of post cards and  
inland letters for some of post offices of  
Western and Southern Circles.

(d) The shortage has been mainly due to  
insufficient supply by India Security Press,  
Nasik Road. The