

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

Procurement of foodgrains

*37. SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of foodgrains procured during the year 1976-77;

(b) whether the foodgrains procured are sufficient to meet the requirements in the country; and

(c) if not, what steps Government propose to take to meet the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRAKASH SINGH BADAL): (a) A total quantity of 10.8 million tonnes of foodgrains has been procured in the Rabi and Kharif marketing seasons of 1976-77.

(b) Procurement of foodgrains by the Government is meant primarily for meeting the requirements of the Public Distribution System and building up of buffer stock. Government have at present stocks of more than 18 million tonnes of foodgrains which are considered as sufficient to meet the requirements of Public Distribution System.

(c) Does not arise.

Facilities in colonies in Delhi

*38. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has provided facilities

like water supply, sewerage and electric connections in all the colonies where plots of land were allotted during first half of 1976;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these facilities are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) to (c) *Resettlement Colonies*—Basic facilities like water supply, community latrines, drainage, roads, paths and street lighting have been provided.

Low Income Group/Middle Income Group Plots—The allottees are required to complete the construction of the houses within two years. The facilities like water, sewerage and electric connections are in progress and are expected to be completed by the time the buildings are completed by the allottees.

Fixation of remunerative prices of foodgrains and cash crops

*39. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any criteria for ensuring remunerative prices to the growers of foodgrains and major cash crops; and

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

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRAKASH SINGH BADAL): (a) and (b) For ensuring remunerative prices to the growers of foodgrains and major cash crops, the Government fixes the procurement prices keeping in view the recommendation of the Agricultural Prices Commission, the cost of production, the likely