

Intervention Scheme (MIS) for onion was implemented only in the State of Maharashtra. On the request of Government of Maharashtra, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation implemented Market Intervention Scheme for procurement of 65,000 MT of onion from 20.01.2000 to 29.02.2000. The loss incurred by the procuring agencies was to be shared on 50:50 basis between the Central Government and the Government of Maharashtra. The total loss on 65,000 MT of onion under MIS was Rs. 975.00 lakh and the 50% Central Government share of loss amounting to Rs. 487.50 lakh was released to the Government of Maharashtra.

Supply of urea and D.A.P. in Rajasthan

†5435. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that urea and D.A.R are not available as per its demand in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the arrangements proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Against the total assessed requirement of 6.75 lakh metric tonnes (MTs) of urea and 2 lakh MTs of DAP during the Rabi 2004-05, the total quantity available in Rajasthan was 7.3 lakh MTs and 2.21 lakh MTs respectively during the said period.

Per capita availability of foodgrains

5436. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita availability of foodgrain has come down since 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the production of foodgrain in the country had come down during the corresponding period; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the drop in the per capita availability of foodgrain?

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