

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASABHEP P. SHINDE): (a) and (b) A statement showing imports of foodgrains during 1973-74 and C & F value thereof is attached.

(c) The fulfilment of production target of 140 million tonnes envisaged in the Fifth Five Year Plan will enable the country to meet to requirements of foodgrains and also leave a cushion for building a buffer stock.

Statement

Statement showing imports of foodgrains during 1973-74 and C&F value there of

	Quantity (in lakh tonnes.)	C & F Value (in crores of rupees)
Wheat :		
U.S.A. (Comml.)	17.41	188.24
Canada (Comml.)	4.03	42.10
Argentina (Comml.)	0.07	0.55
U.S.S.R. (Loan)	9.08	14.13*
	30.59	245.02
Milo :		
U.S.A. (Comml.)	8.15	71.05
Argentina (Comml.)	4.73	42.03
	12.88	113.08
Total foodgrains	43.47	358.10

*Represents only freight charges for 4.88 lakh tonnes. The balance quantity of 4.20 lakh tonnes was on CIF basis.]

Experiments conducted by W.H.O. Scientists under G.C.M.U.

1633. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

†[] English translation.

(a) whether it is a fact that certain experts of the World Health Organisation in their experiments at the genetic control of mosquito Unit for controlling mosquitoes in Delhi villages used a cancer causing chemical "thistepa"; and

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to articles which appeared in the "National Herald" of 10th and 11th October, 1974 under the caption "AEDES AGEPTI" in which it is stated that G.C.M.U. experiments could be the cause of yellow fever in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) A chemical known as Thiotepa (Iaziridinyl Phosphine sulfide), because of its mutagenic character, has been employed in the studies on genetic control of mosquitoes.

(b) Yes. The scientific review of the work carried out by G. C. M. U. was carefully evaluated by the Expert Group of the Indian Council of Medical Research on Virus and Arthropod Borne Diseases and Human Genetics. It was noted by the Expert Group that the Unit had already incorporated safety measures to be undertaken before field releases of mosquitoes; the testing of the vectors with new strains for their potential to transmit yellow fever has been suggested, and the setting up of an independent monitoring body under the Indian Council of Medical Research to monitor the impact of future releases of genetically manipulated mosquitoes has been recommended.

Supervision charges by DDA

1634. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: SHRI VISWANATHA MENON:

SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Housing Boards of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Karnataka charge 12 per cent, 8 per cent and 9 per cent, respectively of the cost of construction of the flats as supervision charges as against 19 per cent