

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government of India thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. J. YADAV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Director General of West Berlin Museums is reported to have expressed his views, in an informal talk, regarding the lack of air-conditioning facilities, adequate background information on art objects displayed in the Museum; and need for more research for preservation of old art objects.

The National Museum's galleries on first, and second floors have recently been provided with air-conditioning. The Museum has provided general labels, key labels and individual labels for the objects displayed. Informative brochures and leaflets are also brought out on the occasion of special exhibitions. A reasonably priced guidebook is also available in respect of the permanent exhibitions in galleries. The Museum has a Conservation Laboratory which is doing useful work in the field of preservation of art objects.

#### Supply of Foodgrains to Famine Stricken States

308. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN : SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: SHRI B. D. BARMAN: SHRI J. S. ANAND: SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: SHRI L. MAHAPATRO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains supplied to the famine-stricken States. State wise, during the last three months; and

(b) the requirements of States to cope up with the situation; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND

IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). A statement giving the information is attached.

#### Statement

Allotments of foodgrains are made to all States every month taking into account the overall availability, relative needs, local market availability, price position and other relevant factors.

The quantities of foodgrains demanded by drought and/or flood affected States and the quantities supplied from the Central Pool during the last 3 months are indicated below:—

(In ' 000 tonnes)

Drought Stricken States	Quantity of Food-grains demanded during the last 3 months.	Qty. of food-grains supplied during the last 3 months.
Assam . . .	95.0	44.8*
Bihar . . .	265.0	154.9
Gujarat . . .	525.0	192.0
Madhya Pradesh . .	41.0	20.3
Orissa . . .	95.5	43.7*
Rajasthan . . .	98.0	66.8
Uttar Pradesh . . .	187.0	99.8
West Bengal . . .	530.0	403.9

#### ♦Estimate subject to revision.

In order to improve the availability of foodgrains, the deficit States were permitted to import wheat in the current season on trade account. With the removal of restrictions on the movement of coarse grains since March, 1974, there has been free flow of coarse grains into the States.

#### Steps for better procurement in the Kharif Season

309. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent report of Reserve