

†[Import of Wheat

83. SHRI O. P. TYAGI:

SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:

SHRI GURMUKH SINGH MUSAFAIR:

SHRI J. S. TILAK:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

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

(a) the names of the countries with whom negotiations have been finalised for importing wheat; and

(b) the rate at which wheat is likely to be purchased in each country?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब पी. शिन्दे) : (क) और (ख) किसी समय विशेष में खाद्यान्नों की वाणिज्यिक खरीदारी अपने सर्वाधिक हितकर शर्तों के आधार पर बाजार में की जाती है और इसलिए निर्यातक देश की सरकार से वार्ता करने का कोई प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है। तथापि प्रमुख निर्यातक देशों में मूल्यो, उपलब्धता आदि के बारे में जांच की जाती रहेगी। क्योंकि खरीदारी बाजार में चल रहे मूल्यों पर की जाती है इसलिए भावी खरीदारी के लिये देय मूल्यों के बारे में बता पाना संभव नहीं है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b) Commercial purchases of foodgrains are made in the market at the most advantageous terms at any given time and as such no negotiations with the Government of the exporting country are involved. However, enquiries continue to be made about prices, availability etc., in the main exporting countries. Since purchases are made at the prevailing market prices, it is not possible to indicate the prices payable for future purchases.]

[] English translation.

Health Hazards in Calcutta

*84. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA:
SHRI I. D. SINGH:
DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI L. MAHAPATRO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority 2.2 million in Calcutta and 2 lakhs people in greater Calcutta are slum and pavement dwellers;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this is seriously jeopardizing public health in the city; and

(c) whether the Central Government have been approached by West Bengal Government for assistance to improve the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) Precise information is not available. The Government of West Bengal have, however, roughly calculated the Basti population in Calcutta Metropolitan District at 2.08 million.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Central Government have provided grants for the Basti Improvement Scheme in Calcutta to the extent of Rs. 10.39 crores during the period 1970-71 to 1973-74.

Huge Illicit Traffic in Drugs of Every day use

*85. SHRI BIPINPAL DAS:
SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:
SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:
SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:
SHRI KAMALNATH JHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a large scale illicit traffic in drugs of every day use;