

22-7-1974, 17.04 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured, during the current Rabi season.

(b) to (e) A statement is attached. [See Appendix LXXXIX, Annexure No. 9].

Reduction in the supplies of foodgrains public distribution system

161. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :
SHRIMATI RATHNABAI
SREENIVASA RAO :
SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHADER :
SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose substantial reduction of foodgrains supplies in the public distribution system ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b) With the improvement in the availability of wheat and coarse grains in the open market, particularly in the deficit states, it is expected that the allocation from the Central stocks would be on a reduced scale. The scope and extent of coverage of the public distribution system is periodically subjected to review by the Government.

Awards for community involvement in family planning

162. SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA :
SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA
MENON :
SHRIMATI RATHNABAI
SREENIVASA RAO :

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

(a) whether Government have decided to give awards to encourage community involvement in family planning ; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KONDAJJI BASAPPA): (a) Yes.

(b) It has been decided to set apart a sum of Rs. 2 per case of sterilization out of the total compensation money admissible per case to be pooled into a non-lapsable fund to be placed at the disposal of the State Governments for giving awards/incentives to encourage the involvement of the community in the programme. The State Government will themselves decide how to utilise the fund in the best interest of the Programme in the light of the local conditions. It has however, been suggested that awards may be given for outstanding performance to :

1. Panchayats, Panchayat Samities.
2. Local Bodies (Municipalities etc.).
3. Voluntary Organisations.
4. Professional Bodies.

Besides this, there is already a scheme under which awards are given at the national level to Panchayats, Local Bodies, Voluntary Organisations etc. on the basis of the outstanding performance in the field of family planning.

Post-Graduate Centre of the Mysore University

163. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has provided funds for development Post-Graduate Centre of the Mysore University, a full-fledged residential Post-Graduate Centre ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the funds given ?