

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):

(a) It is true that about 3,50,000 packages are lying in the warehouses and transit areas of Bombay Port awaiting clearance. In view of this, Bombay Port Trust are unable to allow up country exporters to bring cargo inside Docks in advance of the arrival of vessels.

(b) The main reasons for accumulation are:

(i) time taken in compliance with Customs and Import Control requirements;

(ii) failure of consignees to clear the goods in time; and

(iii) increased requirements for warehousing accommodation.

(c) (i) Customs have been requested to expedite clearance of confiscated cargo and to expedite procedural formalities for clearance of cargo. They have also been offered a plot of land at nominal rent for construction of a warehouse for storage of confiscated/seized/detained cargo, as well as goods which cannot be released for home consumption within two months of landing.

(ii) A warehouse admeasuring 7480 sq. Mts. is under construction and is expected to be ready by December, 1975. Some more warehouses are under planning which would provide an additional warehouse area of 67,600 sq. Mts. for import cargo and 25,000 sq. Mts. for export cargo.

(iii) The Bombay Port Trust are being requested to consider the desirability of making their penal rates more stringent to minimise delay in clearance by consigners/consignees.

Imported wheat damaged at Bombay Port

218. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of bags of imported wheat at Bombay Port were damaged due to heavy rains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the damage was due to the negligence on the part of the Food Corporation of India staff; and

(c) the total quantity of wheat damaged and whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c) The Food Corporation of India has reported that despite very heavy rains in Bombay on 4th/5th July, 1974, on account of the prompt action taken by the staff of the F.C.I. and Port Trust about 3500 bags only out of the total 5 lakhs bags of wheat lying in the docks were partially affected. Steps were taken for salvaging the affected grain to the extent possible.

D.D.A. Project in Jama Masjid area of Delhi

219. SHRI S. A. HASHMI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of a Delhi Development Authority Project in DOJANA HOUSE (Jama Masjid Area) Delhi will be completed;

(b) the number of flats constructed so far and the number which remain to be constructed; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Delhi Development Authority regarding improvement of conditions in the walled city of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) and (b) 80 tenements have been constructed. There is a proposal to construct additional 42 tenements and 14 shops.

(c) The Slum Clearance and Improvement Scheme has recently been transferred to the Delhi Development Authority and

a separate 'Slums Wing' has been created for co-ordinated planning and implementation of all schemes of Slum Clearance in Delhi. Presently the Schemes already sanctioned are being implemented. These comprise mainly of schemes for construction of tenements and decongestion of crowded areas and their rehabilitation according to landuse plan, and essential structural repairs and environmental improvement of evacuee properties made available by the Department of Rehabilitation for use in slum clearance programmes.

Agricultural production programmes

220 DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a calendar of agricultural production programmes involving a new long-term agricultural strategy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the targets of agricultural production fixed for the next decade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c) The agricultural production programmes for the five year period ending 1978-79 in accordance with the agricultural production strategy worked out by the Government have been included in the Draft Fifth five year Plan. Within the broad framework of the Fifth Plan, Annual Plans are formulated for each year.

Under the long-term perspective the Planning Commission have envisaged that the projected annual rates of growth in terms of gross value of agricultural output would be 4.67 per cent per annum for the period 1973-74 to 1978-79 and 4.42 per cent per annum for the period 1973-74 to 1985-86. These growth rates apply to entire agricultural sector including crop production, animal husbandry, fisheries and

forestry. As regards crop production the average annual growth rate envisaged for all selected crops taken together for the Fifth Plan period is envisaged at 4.4 per cent. Selected output projections for principal crops have been laid down as under:

Output Projections for Principal crops

Unit		1978-79	1985-86
Foodgrains	Million tonnes	140	170
Oilseeds			
Sugar-cane	-do-	12.5	17.0
Sugarcane	do-	17.0	22.0
Cotton	Million bales of 180 Kgs. each	8.0	9.9
Jute and Mesta	-do-	7.7	9.1

For achieving the requisite growth rate in crop yields, a multi-pronged effort has been proposed in the Fifth Plan. The main elements of this effort will be as follows:—

(i) intensification of problem-oriented research,

(ii) strengthening of agricultural extension and administration,

(iii) expansion of the programme of multiplication and distribution of certified seeds,

(iv) increase in the consumption of chemical fertilisers and improvement in the efficiency of fertiliser use,

(v) Water management,

(vi) Expansion in institutional credit,

(vii) development of post-harvest facilities including expansion in the role of cooperative agencies in the marketing of crops.