

*Level of wholesale prices of coarse grains
as on 6-4-74*

(Rs. per quintal)

State	Jowar	Bajra	Maize
Andhra Pradesh	125	95	140
Bihar	178
Gujarat	143	139-153	169
Himachal Pradesh	156
Karnataka	108-130	122]	130
Madhya Pradesh	140	115	170
Maharashtra	..	130-145	..
Rajasthan	130-136	90-95	150
Tamil Nadu	124-141	93-137	..
Uttar Pradesh	100	95-120	112-145
Delhi	..	110	..

425. [Transferred to the 9th May, 1974].

Payment of salary to ad-hoc C.G.H.S. Doctors

426. SHRI B. S. SHEKHAWAT :
SHRI RAM KRIPAL SINGH :

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

(a) the dates on which monthly pay has been paid during the current year to ad hoc CGHS doctors in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that many doctors under that category did not receive their monthly salaries regularly; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K.

KISKU) : (a) As the (Ad-Hoc) CGHS Medical Officers, as Class II Gazetted Officers, are their own drawing and disbursing Officers, the exact dates on which they drew their pay during the current year are not available in the Ministry.

(b) and (c) The appointment of ad-hoc Medical Officers under the CGHS was initially sanctioned upto 31-12-73. Due to delay in completing procedural formalities like consultation with U.P.S.C. etc. orders for further continuance were issued only on 26-2-1974. Efforts are constantly made to ensure that Medical Officers are enabled to draw their salary in time.

Land affected by salt and acid

427. DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI :
SHRI K. B. CHETTRI :
SHRI NABIN CHANDRA
BURAGOHAIN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total area of land in the country badly affected by salt and acid; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to reclaim such lands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI B. P. MAURYA) : (a) Although systematic soil surveys have not yet been completed in the country, it is estimated that an area of 7 million hectares suffer from salinity-alkalinity and an area of 8 million hecets. suffer from acidity. The bulk of saline-alkali lands is concentrated in the States of Punjab, Haryana, U.P., Gujarat and Rajasthan. The area under acid soils is mostly concentrated in the States of West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Kerala, Orissa, Bihar and Union Territories of Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) During the Fifth Five Year Plan, a likely out-lay of Rs. 13 crores will be available for reclamation of saline-alkali and acid soils. Out of this Rs. 9 crores will be utilised for the reclamation of saline-alkali lands and Rs. 4 crores for