

शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) इस मामले का संबंध राज्य सरकारों से है ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter concerns the State Governments.]

Shortage of Chemical Fertilizer

436. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of chemical fertilizers in the Country; and

(b) if so, how do Government propose to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) There is likely to be some constraint in the availability of fertilizers vis-a-vis requirements, during 1973-74.

(b) The shortage is mainly due to lags in domestic production and reduced availability of fertilizers in the world market. Efforts are therefore being made to gear up indigenous fertilizers units & achieve an enhanced level of domestic production and to import maximum possible quantities from the World Market. Steps have also been taken to remove the bottlenecks in the distribution of both imported and domestic fertilizers and coordinated supply plans have been drawn up for the states.

†[] English translation.

Nutrition Programme for Children

437. DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR:

SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children getting benefit from the Children's Nutrition Programme launched by Government in different States and Union Territories; and

(b) the contribution of CARE in this programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) At present 167.23 lakh children are being provided supplemental nutrition mainly under the following feeding programmes:—

Name of the Programme	Number of beneficiaries (in Lakhs)
(i) Mid-day meals programme for school children in the age-group of 6 to 11 years.	127.43
(ii) Special Nutrition Programme for pre-school children upto 6 years and expectant and nursing mothers in urban slums and tribal areas.	37.80
(iii) Nutrition Programme for children of 3 to 5 years in Balwadis/Day Care Centres.	2.00