

STATEMENT

All Indian Index numbers of wholesale prices of coarse cereals during the years 1968 to 1973

(Annual Average)

(Base : 1961-62=100)

Year	Jowar	Bajra	Maize	Barley	Ragi
1968	185.0	176.8	196.7	197.3	179.5
1969	190.0	189.9	196.9	196.7	185.1
1970	188.9	168.3	200.1	199.1	170.4
1971	204.9	143.0	177.2	166.8	173.0
1972	233.3	202.2	228.2	218.0	190.3
1973	272.3	283.5	271.4	286.4	215.4

Take over of Rice trade

1272. SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE: SHRI KRISHAN KANT: SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: SHRI SITARAM KESRI : SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government for taking over of the wholesale trade in rice from the coming kharif season; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) Government's decision regarding takeover of wholesale trade in rice with effect from kharif season 1973-74 was announced in the Parliament on 26-2-73. Operational details for the takeover of wholesale trade in rice are currently under examination in consultation with the state Governments.

Starvation Death*

1273. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of starvation deaths occurred in India during the period from June 30th, 1972 to June 30th, 1973 and

(b) the names of the States in which famine death occurred and the number of persons died in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) No State Government has reported the occurrence of any starvation death.

(b) Does not arise.

Number of unemployed Doctors

1274. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of medical practitioners registered with Government (both qualified and unqualified) till the end of June, 1973 ;

(b) the number of qualified doctors who are without employment for more than two years; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to employ these doctor suitably ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (PROF. A. K. KISKU): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.