

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) and (c) The matter is being looked into.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRAINS IN GUJARAT, MAHARASHTRA AND RAJASTHAN

529. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains distributed to consumers in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan during January, February and March, 1973;

(b) the average distribution in each of the States per capita; and

(c) if the distribution is less than seven kilogrammes per capita, what action Government propose to meet the deficit supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

(a) Total quantum of foodgrains distributed to consumers through public distribution system in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan during January, February and March, 1973 is indicated below:—

State	In '000 tonnes		
	Janu.	February	Mar.
Gujarat	60	54	49
Maharashtra	222	162	205
Rajasthan	33	33	33

(b) and (c) The quantum of foodgrains supplied per capita through fair price shops varies from time to time depending on the demand and availability of foodgrains and several other factors. With the improvement in the availability of wheat in the

Central pool as a result of early procurement of wheat in the current season and the steady arrivals of imported wheat, the allotments of foodgrains from the Central pool have been increased. Accordingly to all the State Governments in general and to the above mentioned drought affected States in particular. This will enable the State Governments to maintain supplies at the reasonable level through the Public Distribution System.

SUPPLY OF WHEAT IN (H)

530. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the take-over of wholesale wheat trade in Gujarat State from 5th April, 1973, the farmers do not bring wheat in the State's public distribution system; and

(b) if so, the steps taken and proposed to be taken to augment the supply there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) Reports received indicate that there are regular arrivals of wheat in the market.

FOODGRAINS REQUIREMENTS OF GUJARAT

531. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the requirements of foodgrains of Gujarat State and the production thereof during last year in Kharif and Rabi Crops;

(b) the foodgrains demanded and allotted to that State during the months of February and March, 1973; and

(c) the extent of deficit and how it is proposed to be met during current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) Requirements of foodgrains are elastic to a considerable extent depending on the avail-