

(b) The quantity of foodgrains supplied to Rajasthan during each of these months is as under ;

(In '000 tonnes)

Month grains	Wheat	Coarse- grains
December, 1972 .	15.6	5.7
January, 1973 .	21.0	10.7
February, 1973 .	Supplies are in progress.	

DISCUSSIONS REGARDING PROCUREMENT PRICES OF FOODGRAINS

584. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM
KHAPARADE: SHRI KALI
MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the last conference of the
Chief Ministers and the Food Ministers of
the State held in Delhi last year various
recommendations of the Agricultural Prices
Commission regarding procurement prices
of foodgrains were discussed ;

(b) if so, whether any decisions have
been arrived thereon ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI ANNASAHED SHINDE) : (a) Yes,
Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

The recommendation of the Commission
that for standard varieties of paddy, the
procurement prices for 1972-73 season be
raised by Rs. 2/- per quintal in States where
the procurement prices were Rs. 54/- per
quintal or below and by Re. 1 where they
were Rs. 55/- per quintal and no increase in
prices where the procurement prices were
already Rs. 56/- were accepted by Govern-

ment. The recommendation of the Com-
mission that in all cases of increase in paddy
prices, procurement prices for rice might be
correspondingly upgraded, was also
accepted.

As against the uniform procuremen-
price of Rs. 57/- per quintal recommended
by the Agricultural Prices Commission
only for bajra and maize. Government
fixed the following procurement prices for
kharif coarse grains for 1972-73 season :

	(Rs. per quintal)
Bajra	60.00
Maiz	58.00
Jowar	58.00
Ragi	57.00
Small millets	50.00

खाद्यान्नों की कमी

585. श्री पंडरीनाथ सीतारामजी पाटिल : क्या
कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि यह अनुमान
लगाया गया है कि देश में पांचवी पंचवर्षीय
योजना के अन्त में 10 लाख मीट्रिक खाद्यान्नों
की कमी रहेगी ; और

(ख) सरकार ने इस कमी को पूरा करने के
लिये क्या उपाय किये हैं ?

1 [SHORTAGE OF FOODGRAINS

585. SHRI P. S. PATIL : Will the Mini-
ster of AGRICULTURE be pleased to
state :

(a) whether it is a fact that it is estimated
that there will be shortage of ten lakh
tonnes of foodgrains in the country by the
end of the Fifth Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Govern-
ment to meet this shortage?]

[] English translation.