

GOVERNMENT LAND IN OCCUPATION OF BIG INDUSTRIAL HOUSES

1696. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state how many big industrial houses in the country have been possessing Government land for agricultural production and total acreage of those lands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : Information is being collected from the State Governments and will be placed on the Table of Sabha.

DISTRIBUTION OF FERTILISER

1697 SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the basic of distribution of fertiliser in different States ; and

(b) the allotment of fertiliser for States in 1970-71, 1971-72 and 1972-73 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) Fertilisers are distributed to different States on the basis of their requirements, which are assessed at the Zonal Conferences held bi-annually, once before the Kharif season and again before the Rabi season. The proportion of requirements to be met by the supplies from the domestic manufacturers is also assessed, while the residual requirements are met by allotments from the Central Fertilisers Pool. These allotments made every quarter, are however adjusted with reference to the actual performance of supply of the manufacturers and urgency of supply to the respective States, and the availability of fertilisers from imports. As regards the supply of fertilisers from the domestic manufacturers, Orders under the E.C. Act are being promulgated every two months, since June, 1972, making it legally obligatory for the manufacturers to supply fertilisers to different States, as per their commitments in the Zonal Conferences.

(b) The allotments of Pool fertilisers made to the States during the years 1970-

71, 1971-72 and 1972-73 (April-December, 1972) is as mentioned below:—

(Figures in tonnes)

	N	P
(i) 1970—71	619369	93772
(ii) 1971—72	707248	198226
(iii) 1972—73 (First 9 months.)	660942	126973

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION PROGRAMME

1698. SHRI I. K. KALANIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of special allocations of financial assistance to State Governments to take up quick-maturing minor irrigation for Rabi and Summer crops under agricultural production programme; and

(b) what was the State-wise utilisation upto now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) The Government of India have, so far, accorded administrative approval to State Governments for a total loan assistance of Rs. 147.29 crores for quick-maturing minor irrigation programmes which could be completed by the 31st March, 1973 and benefit the Rabi and Summer crops. Against this, Rs. 57.07 crores have already been released to the State Governments.

(b) Complete data on utilisation of amounts has not yet been reported by State Governments.

RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT OF COARSE FOODGRAINS

1699 SHRI I. K. KALANIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the States of Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have restricted the movement out of their States of coarse foodgrains ;

(b) if the reply to part (a) be in affirmative, what is the policy of Central Government in that regard; and