

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) to (c) The required information has been called for from the States/ Union Territory Administrations and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as received.

**COOPERATIVE MEMBER EDUCATION
SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

1608. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cooperative Member Education Scheme sponsored by the National Cooperative Union of India is proposed to be discontinued in the State of Andhra Pradesh from 1st March 1970; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Andhra Pradesh Government consider that the Member Education Scheme has not worked well in the State.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL WAGE
BOARD FOR PORT AND DOCK WORKERS**

1609. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 762 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1969 and state :

(a) whether the Central Wage Board for the Port and Dock Workers has since submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether Government have considered these recommendations; and

(d) if so, reaction of Government in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) :

(a) Yes.

(b) to (d) The Board's recommendations are under consideration. These will be announced, along with Government decisions, as early as possible.

**PRICES OF FOOD GRAINS PAID BY FOOD
CORPORATION OF INDIA**

1610. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last Food Minister's Conference an assurance was given by the Union Food Minister that prices already being paid for food grains will be maintained;

(b) if so, whether the price of maize has been reduced from Rs. 54 to Rs. 52 per quintal;

(c) what is the procurement price being paid varietywise for rice from Punjab and what is the price variety-wise by the Food Corporation of India; and

(d) whether the price difference covers only the actual cost of food Corporation of India or whether it also keeps an element of profit and if so, what is the element of profit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE)

: (a) in the last Chief Ministers' Conference it was decided to continue the procurement prices of 1968-69 during 1969-70 with marginal adjustments.

(b) The price of maize has been fixed at Rs. 52-00 per quintal for purchases for the central pool. For their internal purchases the State Governments have been authorised to fix a higher price not exceeding the price fixed for the previous season.

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) The Food Corporation of India is not given any margin of profit for procurement or distribution of food grains on behalf of the Government of

of India. They are only allowed incidentals for meeting their expenditure on procurement, storage and distribution etc. of the foodgrains.

STATEMENT

I. Procurement price of rice in Punjab

	<i>Rs. per quintal</i>
<i>r. Bold Group</i>	
China rice	82.75
Begmi/SelaJoshi	84.75
<i>2. Slender Group—</i>	
Superior basmati (raw and boiled) for export	135.00
Basmati (raw and boiled)	105.75
Parmal, Hansraj, Mushkin) Ramjawain, Chahora (raw and boiled	96.75
<i>II. The issue prices of rice for supply from the central pool are fixed on an all India basis</i>	
Coarse	100.00
Medium	111.00
Fine	120.00
Superfine	128.00
Superior	150.00

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN A.I.R. SERVICES

1611. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is plenty of communist infiltration in A.I.R. services;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Communist union is functioning in the A. I. R. ; and

(c) if so, whether any steps have been taken to curb further infiltration of communists in the A.I.R. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Government have no information to this effect.

(c) Does not arise.

SEMINAR ON "MARKETING OF FARM PRODUCTS IN INDIA"

1612. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Seminar on "Marketing of Farm Products in India" was held recently in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Seminar with regard to stabilizations of prices of farm produce in the country to enable the maximum benefit to the farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

(SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Seminar was organised by 'The Marketing and Economic Research Bureau', New Delhi-48, which is a private body. The recommendations made by the Seminar have not been received by the Government so far.

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

1613. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADURIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state ;

(a) the names of films which have been selected for national awards for films and also for international Film Festival held in India from 5th December, to 18th December, 1969;

(b) whether any films selected for International Film Festival were not included in the later contest; and

(c) if so, what are those films and the reasons for their non-inclusion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) :

(a) Selection of films for the National Awards has not yet been completed. A list of films admitted for screening in the competitive Section of the IV International Film Festival of India is attached.