

number of workers as loaders who availed of record office facilities of the Labour Depot, Gorakhpur :

1967	92
1968	62
1969	51

(b) Information is not available.

COAL MINE WORKERS SUFFERING FROM T.B.

1764. SHRI KALYAN ROY :
SHRI PRANAB KUMAR
MOKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of workers and employees in the Coal Mines who are suffering from T.B. during the years 1967, 1968 and up to 31st July, 1969; and

(b) how many of them have fully recovered and joined their duties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) :
(a) The number of cases of T.B. among workers and employees in coal mines, including their dependants, which came to the notice of the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund Organisation during 1967, 1968 and 1969 is as follows —

1967	2,472
1968	2,333
1969 (up to June)	912

(b) (i) Number of cases reported to have recovered

1967	706
1968	679
1969	316

(up to June)

(ii) Number of workers who joined their duties.

Information not available.

†DEFICIT OF FERTILISER

1648. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have estimated the deficit in the quantity of fertilizer required for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to meet the deficit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) Government have estimated the deficit by which the domestic production of fertilisers falls short of the requirements for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71. Imports of fertilisers from abroad are being arranged to meet the deficit. For the current year, availability of fertilisers in the country through domestic production and imports is adequate to meet the requirements of farmers.

The estimated requirements of fertilisers, the estimated domestic production, the gap between the two and the imports planned for the current year (1969-70) are as follows :—

(In lakh tonnes)

	Nitrogen	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O
Estimated requirements .	17.00	6.00	3.00
Estimated production .	9.00	3.40	..
Deficit .	8.00	2.60	3.00
Imports proposed .	8.00	1.13	1.08

In the case of Phosphatic (P₂O₅) and potassic (K₂O) fertilisers, the entire gap is not sought to be covered in view of the heavy stocks of these fertilisers. The entire quantity proposed to be imported may not be purchased, if the pace of consumption does not warrant.

As regards 1970-71, the estimates are as follows :

(In lakh tonnes)

	Nitrogen	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O
Estimated requirements .	20.00	8.00	4.00
Estimated production .	12.28	4.10	..
Deficit .	7.72	3.90	4.00

The above estimates are highly tentative at this stage. Imports will be arranged to meet the requirements after assessing

†Transferred from the 26th August, 1969