

issue price of coarse rice which also includes A.P. coarse rice supplied from the central stocks to Kerala as also to other State Governments is Rs. 96.00 per quintal inclusive of gunny.

(b) No, Sir. The issue price of coarse rice at Rs. 96.00 per quintal is based upon the pooled economic cost of this rice procured indigenously from the various States and does not contain any element of profit. This pooling of economic cost of coarse rice does not include the high priced imported coarse rice which is also being supplied at the same issue price of Rs. 96.00 per quintal from the central stocks. There is thus no question of finding funds as profits from the sale of coarse rice for procuring fine or superfine rice from the North Indian States.

CINEMA STUDIOS IN PUBLIC SECTOR

*625. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start cinema studios in public sector to expand visual education; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). The Films Division is the Central Organisation for producing short films and newsreel in the public sector. The Division produces class-room films also. Besides, some of the films produced by the Division are classified as educational and shown both commercially and non-commercially. There is a proposal under consideration in the IV Plan to set up separate production units for the production of science teaching films at an estimated out-lay of Rs. 15 lakhs and for the production of instructional and training films on agricultural subjects at

an outlay of about Rs. 84 lakhs, during the Plan period. Within the proposed outlay it is proposed to produce about 12 reels of science teaching films and about 35 reels of agricultural films in a year.

FAMINE CONTROL BOARD

*626. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR:

SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for the setting up of a Famine Control Board to tackle the problems of chronic famine and drought affected areas on a permanent basis has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. No proposal to set up a Famine Control Board is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

बीजों के वितरण के लिये राज्यों को केन्द्रीय सहायता

*627. श्री दयालदास कुर्रे : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस वर्ष रबी के मौसम में किसानों में बीज के वितरण के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार की ओर से राज्य सरकारों को किसी प्रकार की विशेष सहायता दी गई थी ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस प्रकार की सहायता दी गई और यह सहायता किन-किन राज्यों को दी गई ?