

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI): (a) Yes Sir. Government's decisions on the recommendations of the first two Wage Boards were announced on the 3rd June, 1967. Decisions on the recommendations of the Coal Wage Board were announced on the 21st July, 1967.

(b) The recommendations of these Wage Boards are not enforceable statutorily. Their implementation is being secured through persuasion and advice by the officers of the Central Industrial Relations Machinery.

DECLINE IN EXPORT OF SUGAR

*516. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export target of sugar for 1968 is even less than half of the target for 1967; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this decline in the export of sugar?

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

(b) Reduced availability of sugar during the current year 1967-68.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON E.S.I.

*517. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recommendations of the Committee on ESI which have been accepted by Government and those which have not been accepted; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI S. C. JAMIR): (a) Out of 176

Recommendations, 12 are in the nature of Conclusions and Opinions which have been noted; 115 have been accepted either fully or with modifications or in principle; the remaining 49 Recommendations are under consideration.

(b) The details are given in the Statement laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha [See Appendix LXIII, Annexure No. 48.]

PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS

*518. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains expected to be procured by the Food Corporation of India during the kharif season;

(b) how the State Governments have reacted to the proposed procurement and the prices to be paid to the producers; and

(c) what is the anticipated quantity of food to be imported from abroad during the current year to meet the country's requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE). (a) The target fixed for the Food Corporation of India for procurement of food grains during the kharif crop year 1967-68 is 37.67 lakh tonnes.

(b) The State Governments have been aware of the paramount need of Internal procurement. The procurement prices of kharif cereals have been fixed by the Government of India in consultation with the State Governments.

(c) The anticipated imports during 1968 has been estimated as 7.5 million tonnes.