

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of wheat stocked in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Delhi has been rendered unfit for human consumption;

(b) whether it is a fact that the wheat was damaged due to its transportation in open wagons ;

(c) if so, whether damages have been claimed from the Railways ; and

(d) what steps have been taken to ensure that the damaged foodgrains are not sold out for human consumption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) No wheat has been rendered unfit for human consumption while in storage in the go-downs of the Food Corporation in Delhi. However, some quantities of wheat transported by open railway wagons during the rainy season were affected by rain in spite of all precautions to cover the wagons with tarpulins properly lashed. The wheat so affected was, however, immediately dried and the major portion salvaged as sound grain fit for human consumption. Some quantities were, however, found unfit for human consumption. Major portion of this has already been disposed of as cattle/poultry feed and for industrial use and the small balance is in the process of disposal.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Only foodgrains which are declared fit for human consumption after inspection by technical staff are issued for public distribution.

44. [Transferred to the 1st December, 1967.]

RICE SUPPLY TO STATES

45. SHRI K. S. CHAVDA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of rice distributed by his Ministry to different States in August, September and October, 1967 ; and

(b) the names of the States to which rice was not given during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) 2.07 lakh tonnes.

(b) Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Madras, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.

46. [Transferred to the 1st December, 1967.]

47. [Transferred to the 22nd November, 1967.]

FACTORIES IN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WITH U. S. COLLABORATION

48. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to set up factories in agro-industrial sector in Punjab with U. S. collaboration ;

(b) if so, the details of the collaboration programme; and

(c) whether the Central Government was consulted in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) to (c) The Government of India have no information on this subject.

FOOD AND SUGAR SUPPLY TO MAHARASHTRA

49. SHRI G. R. PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the demand made by the Government of Maharashtra for supply of foodgrains and sugar during the period from April 1967 to October 1967. month-wise ; and

(b) the actual quantity of foodgrains and sugar supplied by the Central Government during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHEB SHINDE) : (a) For the period May to September 1967, 1.45 to 1.50 lakh tonnes foodgrains per month had been asked for. As regards sugar, in May, 1967, Maharashtra Government had requested that a monthly quota might be fixed at 34,000 tonnes.

(b) The actual quantities of food-grains and sugar supplied to Maharashtra during the period from April 1967 to October, 1967 were as indicated below :

(Figures in '000 tonnes)

Month	Foodgrains	Sugar
April, 1967	85.9	28.5
May, 1967	98.9	23.8
June, 1967	72.5	23.8
July, 1967	75.2	23.8
August, 1967	83.1	23.8
September, 1967	99.2	52.4*
October, 1967	93.3	

*For September and October.

SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS TO MAHARASHTRA

50. SHRI G. R. PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of fertilisers demanded by the Government of Maharashtra from the Centre during the year 1966 and so far in 1967 ; and

(b) the quantity of fertilisers supplied by the Central Government to Maharashtra during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) A statement giving the requisite information is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) The quantities of different kinds of fertilisers demanded, allotted and supplied to Maharashtra Government during 1966-67 and 1967-68 (upto 31-10-67) are given below :—

		(Figures in tonnes)		
		1966-67		
Kind of fertiliser		Demand	Allotment	Quantity supplied
Sulphate of Ammonia			2,09,199	2,09,199
Urea		1,46,870	98,114	77,714
Ammonium Sulphate Nitrate		(in	16,985	13,627
Calcium Ammonium Nitrate		terms of	17,464	16,665
Ammonium Phosphate		Nitrogen)	8,300	8,300
Ammonium Chloride			9,720	8,252
Di-Ammonium Phosphate			44,754	20,634
Basic Slag			5,000	
Sulphate of Potash			2,500	2,368
Total Nitrogen		1,46,870	1,06,906	94,077
		1967-68		
Kind of fertiliser		Demand	Allotment (April-Dec., 1967)	Supply made from 1-4-67 to 31-10-67
Sulphate of Ammonia			1,00,214	41,146
Urea		1,75,040	1,19,494	42,732
Ammonium Sulphate Nitrate		(in terms	9,700	6,270
Cal. Amm. Nitrate		of	17,108	15,657
Amm. Phosphate		Nitrogen)	40,480	20,228
Amm. Chloride			5,000	4,878
Di-Amm. Phosphate			62,574	27,767
Muriate of Potash			10,000	
Total Nitrogen		1,75,040	1,02,651	43,792