

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) The working of this arrangement is being watched.

(b) No decision has yet been taken on this matter by the Delhi Transport Undertaking.

(c) No such complaint has so far been received by the Undertaking.

(d) Does not arise.

SURVEY OF RABI HARVEST

*321. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 295 answered in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th June, 1967 and state:

(a) whether the firm estimates based on actual areas enumeration and crop-cutting surveys in regard to the Rabi harvest have been made available to the State Governments to the Government of India; and

(b) if so, what is the crop-wise and State-wise position of the Rabi harvest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. Complete information has not yet been received from all the States.

(b) Does not arise.

DISTRIBUTION OF SUJI AND MAIDA IN DELHI

616. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is fact that suji and maida are proposed to be issued against ration cards in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the quantity of suji and maida issued to ration card holder at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRI-

CULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) Suji and maida are rationed articles in Delhi since the 12th July, 1967.

(b) The entitlement of maida or suji for a period of 4 weeks is as follows:

Ration cards with 4 cereal units or less—
500 gms of maida and/or suji.

Ration cards with 5 cereal units or more—
1 Kg. of maida and/or suji.

ASKA COOPERATIVE SUGAR FACTORY IN ORISSA

617. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aska Cooperative Sugar Factory in Orissa either directly or through the Government of Orissa has represented to the Central Government that the price fixed for sugar in respect of Orissa is low and unremunerative to the industry; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) Sugar price for factories in Orissa for 1966-67, as in the case of other States, was initially 'fixed' on 1st February, 1967 at Rs. 140.05 per quintal on the basis of estimated recovery and duration of the season. The Government of Orissa represented for enhancement of the price for Aska Cooperative Factory in view of losses incurred by it. This was not agreed to. However, the ex-factory prices were reviewed on the basis of actual recovery and duration achieved by the factories and as a result thereof, the price for Orissa factories, including that of the Aska Cooperative, was increased to Rs. 149.05 per quintal with effect from the 14th July, 1967.