

State	1965-66 (Final)	State	1965-66 (Final)
Maharashtra—		NEFA—	
Area	156.6	Area . . . . .	..
Production	1019.6	Production . . . . .	..
Yield per hectare	6511	Yield per hectare . . . . .	..
Mysore—		Tripura—	
Area	76.6	Area	3.0
Production	531.2	Production	10.0
Yield per hectare	6935	Yield per hectare	3333
Orissa—		Andaman and Nicobar Islands—	
Area	46.6	Area . . . . .	..
Production	229.7	Production . . . . .	..
Yield per hectare	4929	Yield per hectare . . . . .	..
Punjab (combined)—		Nagaland—	
Area	359.0	Area . . . . .	..
Production	1315.0	Production . . . . .	..
Yield per hectare	3665	Yield per hectare . . . . .	..
Rajasthan—		Pondicherry	
Area	56.7	Area	1.8
Production	73.2	Production	16.4
Yield per hectare	1291	Yield per hectare	9111
Uttar Pradesh—		All India—	
Area	1481.2	Area	2748.9
Production	5673.6	Production	11830.0
Yield per hectare	3830	Yield per hectare	4304
West Bengal—			
Area	39.3		
Production	179.0		
Yield per hectare	4555		
Delhi—			
Area	5.9		
Production	3.0		
Yield per hectare	508		
Goa, Daman and Diu—			
Area	0.2		
Production	1.5		
Yield per hectare	7500		
Himachal Pradesh—			
Area	1.7		
Production	2.5		
Yield per hectare	1471		
Manipur—			
Area . . . . .	..	
Production . . . . .	..	
Yield per hectare . . . . .	..	

SUBSIDY ON IMPORTED FOODGRAINS

714. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by Government on account of subsidy in the distribution of imported wheat and imported rice separately in 1965 and up to the 30th September, 1966;

(b) whether subsidising imported foodgrains adversely affected Indian farmers; and

(c) the future policy of subsidising imported foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) Separate figures of loss incurred in distribution of imported foodgrains are not being maintained. The surplus/deficit as shown in the proforma accounts of Central Government's scheme of State trading in foodgrains for the financial years 1964-65 and 1965-66 is as under: —

Year	Commodity	Amount of deficit (—)/surplus(+)
(Rs. crores)		
1964-65	Wheat	(—)19.28
	Rice	(—)13.07
1965-66	Wheat	(+)49.45
(Provisional)	Rice	(—)1.72
1966-67	Figures not yet available.	

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Following the recommendations of the Foodgrains Policy Committee, the Conference of Chief Ministers held in November, 1966 has recommended that the subsidy on foodgrains issued from Government stocks should be withdrawn gradually. This along with the other recommendations of the Chief Ministers' Conference is under consideration of Government.

RISE IN PRICES OF FOODGRAINS

715. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of foodgrains have gone up during the last few months especially in the non-rationed areas; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the rise in prices of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) There has generally been a rise in the prices of foodgrains during the last few months except for a slight fall in September, 1966. The All India Index No. of wholesale prices of cereals moved up to 169.1 in October from 168.3 in September. The index has again moved up in November and stood at 170.5 (average of first 3 weeks). The index number of wheat which stood at 147 in September went up to 151.7 in October and stood at 159.5 in November (average for first 3 weeks). The index number of rice has however showed a decline from 171.2 in September to 170.6 in October and to 168.0 in November (average of first 3 weeks).

(b) The various steps taken to check the rise in prices of foodgrains in the country include larger distribution of foodgrains from fair price shops, extension of statutory rationing/informal rationing to more areas, large imports, intensification of procurement and other Regulatory measures etc.

716. [Transferred to the 8th December, 1966].

U.S. WHEAT UNDER "FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAMME"

717. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Government has agreed to supply fifty thousand metric tons of U.S. wheat to India under the "Food for Peace Programme"; and

(b) if so, by when the shipment is likely to arrive here?