

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be plea-*ed* to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India is considering to extend more credit facilities for agricultural farm output plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The question of extending more credit facilities for Agricultural output is under consideration of Rural Credit Committee appointed by the Reserve Bank of India under the Chairmanship of Shri B. Venkataiah. The Committee has already covered considerable ground and also conducted field studies. Its report is awaited.

PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT OF PADDY

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

(a) the yield per acre of paddy in Kerala, Madras, Mysore, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal and Punjab and the production of paddy State-wise;

(b) the quantity procured from each of these States during the last two years; and

(c) the procurement price of paddy fixed in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) to (c) A statement is placed on the "Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) *Production and yield per hectare of rice during 1965-66*

State	Total production of paddy in terms of rice	Yield per hectare of paddy in terms of rice
	('000 Tonnes) (In Kgs)	
Andhra Pradesh	4165	1327
Kerala	1006	1257
Madras	3709	1454
Mysore	1190	1174
Orissa	3253	767
Punjab and Haryana	542	1013
West Bengal	4893	1052

(b) *Procurement of rice during 1964-65 and 1965-66 (both on Central and State Government accounts)*

State	1964-65	1965-66
	(In '000 tonnes)	
Andhra Pradesh	673	637
Kerala	51	29*
Madras	381	932*
Mysore	91	77
Orissa	245	214
Punjab and Haryana	284	238
West Bengal	335	584

*Excludes quantities procured by Food Corporation of India in Palghat District (excluding Ponnani taluk) and three taluks of Trichur District.

†Includes quantities procured on private account at the instance of State Government for distribution through fair price ration shops.

(c) *Procurement prices of paddy during 1966-67*

State	Standard variety	Purchase price in rupees per quintal
Andhra Pradesh	Akkulu	45.50
Kerala	Palghat Matta	43.81
Madras	Kattai Samba	42.00
Mysore	Dabbansala (raw)	46.00
Punjab	Begmi	42.00
Orissa	Coarse	41.00
West Bengal	Common	56.25