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ATTA SUPPLIED THROUGH RATION SHOPS IN DELHI

86. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the criticism appearing in newspapers that very bad quality atta is being supplied through ration shops in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry into the allegations regarding the bad quality atta has been made; and

(c) what check and control Government exercise to ensure that the atta supplied to card holders is good?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Samples of atta were drawn from many ration shops including those that could be suspected on the basis of complaints and from the roller flour mills that supplied atta to these ration shops. The samples, on analysis, were found to conform to the prescribed standard.

(c) A constant watch is maintained on the quality of atta produced by roller flour mills and supplied to ration shops. Periodical inspections of ration shops are also made to check the quality of atta sold to the card-holders.

STATUTORY RATIONING IN U.P.

87. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uttar Pradesh have suggested that unless Centre restored

the State's monthly quota of 100,000 tonnes of imported wheat it would not be possible for them to introduce statutory rationing in the cities of that State with a population of more than 100,000; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

YIELD OF KHARIF CROP

88. SHRI S. SUPAKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final estimate of the yield of kharif crop of last season in the different States has been made; and

(b) what is the total shortfall in production of kharif crop during the current year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISHRA): (a) and (b) The Final Estimates of yield of Kharif crops based on the result of crop cutting surveys have not yet been received from the State Governments. However, according to tentative estimates available as on 31-1-66, the production of five major Kharif cereals (viz. rice, jowar, bajra, maize and ragi) in the country during 1965-66 may show a fall of about 9.3 million tonnes as compared to last year, when it was 59.5 million tonnes.

RABI CAMPAIGN

89. SHRI S. SUPAKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the response of different states to the rabi campaign this year; and

(b) whether any estimate of areas growing food crop has been prepared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA): (a) Under the Emergency Food Production Programme launched this year the State Governments have taken the following measures:—

1. Introduction of additional crops during rabi and summer seasons in selected irrigated areas.
2. Increased cultivation of potatoes, tapioca and vegetables.
3. Preparation of farm yard manure in compost pits.
4. Mobilization of electric and diesel pumpsets and increased emphasis on other minor irrigation programmes,

(b) Reports received from States indicate that they are likely to bring 3.8 million acres under additional crops during the current rabi and summer seasons against a target of 3.2 million acres given to them. Final estimate of acreage under rabi food grains are not yet available.

BOMBAY-BANGALORE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

90. SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 667 answered in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 1965 and state whether any final decision has been taken on the question of widening the Bombay-Bangalore National Highway in the light of the proposed allocation for the improvement of National Highways in the Fourth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): The allocation for road development

in the Central sector in the Fourth Five Year Plan period is not yet finalised as the Plan is still in a draft stage. As previously stated in reply to Starred Question No. 367, the question of widening some National Highways to two-lanes (including the Bombay-Bangalore-Madras road) will be considered when the size of allocation for National Highways is known. Due to paucity of funds, no work of widening this road is proposed to be taken up during the financial year 1966-67.

FOODGRAINS RECEIVED UNDER PL 480

91. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantities of foodgrains received from America under PL 480 during the last four months;

(b) the names of other countries from which foodgrains have been received during that period and the quantities received; and

(c) the quantities of imported foodgrains supplied to each State during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) 2109.9 thousand metric tons.

(b) The quantities of foodgrains outside P. L. 480 received during the months of October, 1965 to January, 1966 were as under:—

Grain	Name of countries	Quantity in '000 M.T
Wheat	U.S.A. (Commercial Purchase)	95.4
	Canada	51.6
	TOTAL Wheat	147.0