

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) : Firm figures of production of wheat for 1966 based on Final Estimates are still due from some of the States. According to the latest estimates, the total production of wheat in the country during 1965-66 is estimated at 10.7 million tonnes as against the last year's Final Estimate of 12.1 million tonnes and the Partially Revised Estimate of 12.3 million tonne.. Final Estimates of production for each crop are prepared on the basis of preliminary results of complete enumeration in respect of the acreage under the crop and of crop-cutting experiments in respect of yield, and are thus based on partial information about area and yield. These estimates are revised next year on receipt of more complete information and are called Partially Revised Estimates. Fully Revised Estimates are available one year thereafter which take into account the actual area under the crop and complete results of Crop Cutting Experiments.]

EXPERT COMMITTEE ON I.A.D.P. •

227. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state the changes Government propose to make in the Intensive Agricultural Development Programme in view of the report submitted by the Expert Committee on Assessment and Evaluation of Intensive Agricultural Development Programme headed by Dr. S. R. Sen ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) : The report has been referred to the State Governments for their comments. Further action will be taken in the light of the views of the State Governments.

Meanwhile, the High Yielding Varieties Programme which covers Intensive Agricultural Districts also provides for arrangements regarding effective package of practices and timely supply of essential inputs which have been strongly recommended in the Programme Evaluation Report.

PRICE OF WHEAT PURCHASED FROM PUNJAB

228. SHRI RAM SINGH : Will the Minister, of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat purchased from Punjab at the rate of Rs. 52 per quintal is being sold at Rs. 78 per quintal in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this wide difference between the procurement price and issue price of Punjab wheat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

BIHAR'S REQUEST FOR FOODGRAIN»

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar have recently requested the Centre for the supply of 1.2 million tons of foodgrains to meet the food scarcity in the State; and

(b) if so, whether the request has been acceded to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL CREDIT ON MASSIVE SCALE

230. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN :
SHRI N. R. M. SWAMY :
SHRI R. K. BHUWALKA:

Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to supply credit for agricultural purposes on massive scale;

(b) if so, the quantum of such allotment proposed to be made in 1966-67, State-wise;

(c) the machinery through which the distribution will be made; and

(d) the percentage of such allotment which is likely to be spent on establishment?