

(b) Number and location of Research Organisations are given below:

Name and location of organisations	No.
I. Central Government—	
1. Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore with Sub-Stations at Karnal, Lucknow and Motihari	4
2. Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow	1
3. Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	1
4. Agricultural Meteorology Department, Poona	1
5. National Sugar Institute, Kanpur	1
II. States—	
(i) Andhra Pradesh—Sugarcane Research Station at Anakapalle with Sub-Stations at Rudrur and Chittoor	3
(ii) Assam—Sugarcane Research Station, Jorhat	1
(iii) Bihar—Sugarcane Research Station at Pusa and Sub-Station at Patna	2
(iv) Gujate—Sugarcane Research Sub-Station at Kodinar and Vyara	2
(v) Madras—Sugarcane Research Station at Cuddalore with Sub-Stations at Gudiyatham and Sirugumani	3
(vi) Madhya Pradesh—Sugarcane Research Station, Sehore with Sub-Station at Dabra	2
(vii) Maharashtra—Sugarcane Research Station at Padegaon and Sub-Station at Kolhapur	2
(viii) Mysore—Sugarcane Research Station at Manoya with Sub-Stations at Hebbal, Sankeshwar and Gangawati	4
(ix) Orissa—Sugarcane Research Station at Bhubaneswar with Sub-Station at Rayagada	2

Name and location of organisations	No.
(x) Punjab—Sugarcane Research Station at Jullundur with Sub-Stations at Gurdaspur, Jagadhri and Kheri	4
(xi) Rajasthan—Sugarcane Research Station, Kota with Sub-Stations at Ganganagar and Udaipur	3
(xii) Uttar Pradesh—Sugarcane Research Station at Shahjahanpur with Sub-Stations at Muzaffarnagar, Gorakhpur and Gola Gokaran Nath	4
(xiii) West Bengal—Sugarcane Research Station at Burdwan	1
TOTAL	41

(c) The results of research have contributed to a considerable extent towards the greater production inasmuch as production of 18 tons of sugarcane per acre and 26 lakh tons of white sugar have been achieved in 1963-64 as against 13 tons and 10 lakh tons respectively obtained in 1953-54.

(d) Yes, Sir.

FOOD SITUATION IN UTTAR PRADESH

26. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has recently described the State food situation as "alarming"; and

(b) if so, what action, if any, has been taken by the Government of India in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The food supply position in Uttar Pradesh is reported to be difficult. The Government of India have agreed to supply to the U. P. Government 1.05 lakh tons of wheat per

month for distribution in the State. The State Government have stepped up distribution through fair price shops to provide relief to the people.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHIEF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

27. **SHRI SANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the important recommendations of the Chief Ministers' Conference held recently in New Delhi; and

(b) what action, if any, has been taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). A Statement showing the decision reached at the Chief Ministers' Conference held between 24th and 26th June, 1964 and the action taken thereon is attached. [See Appendix XLIX, Annexure No. 2].

INSTALLATION OF MODERN RADIO AIDS AT PALAM AIRPORT

28. **SHRI SANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently installed modern radio aids for air navigation at Palam Airport; and

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred thereon and whether the equipment is locally manufactured or imported?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) and (b). A very High Frequency Omni-Directional Radio Range (VOR) has been recently installed at Palam Airport at a cost of Rs 2,95,390. The equipment is an imported one.

RICE OFFERS FROM BURMA, THAILAND AND CAMBODIA

29. **SHRI P. L. KUREELURF TALIB:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether any offers have been received by the Government of India from Burma, Thailand, Cambodia and other countries for the supply of substantial

quantity of rice, if so, what are the conditions of such offers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): Yes, Sir. Apart from U.S.A. from where rice is imported under PL-480 Agreement, varying quantities of rice were offered by Burma, Cambodia and Thailand for purchase against foreign exchange and by Pakistan against barter. Purchase contracts for 70,000 tons from Pakistan under a barter arrangement and 10,000 tons from Thailand have since been concluded. It is proposed to purchase 10,000 tons from Cambodia very shortly.

TUBEWELL EXPLORATION IN MYSORE STATE

30. **SHRI SHERKHAN:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tubewells have been sunk under the Tubewell Exploration Scheme in Mysore State; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such tubewells with their places of exploration and what are the results?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). Under the Groundwater Exploration Project, four exploratory boreholes were drilled in the State of Mysore at Badami, Halkurki and Tad-dewadi of Bijapur district and at Chit-tapur of Gulberga District. All the boreholes were abandoned due to inadequate discharge of water.

PRICE COMMISSION FOR FOODGRAINS

31. **SHRI G. MURAHARI:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to constitute a price commission to fix the prices at which the producer would sell his foodgrain; and

(b) if so, whether the prices would be fixed before the harvest and whether the commission would be a permanent body?