

श्री एस० के० पाटिल : केन्द्रीय सरकार इसकी जिम्मेदारी समझती है और जब टाइम आता है तो उसके लिये बराबर तैयार रहती है ।

SHRI N. C. KASLIWAL: May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister is in a position to give an approximate idea of the possible production figures as also of cotton in 1961-62?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: I can give only the approximate figures, I think so far as wheat is concerned it is 11 million tons, a figure higher than for the last year. So far as rice is concerned, it is nearly 33 million tons, higher than even last year's production. What exactly happened during this hailstorm somewhere, surely those figures would come, but we need, not be alarmed by this. It is too early, and I do not think any importance should be attached to it.

SHRI N. C. KASLIWAL: With regard to cotton also.

SHRI S. K. PATIL: I think cotton might have suffered a little more because cotton is a very delicate commodity. If anything is most susceptible to these climatic conditions, unfortunately, it is cotton because we have not yet developed resistance that is necessary for calamities of that kind. I do not know the extent to which cotton has suffered.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: As the Centre has assumed responsibility for the food of the whole country, what is the normal procedure about the periodic sending of statistics by the States, about the actual damage to, and about the yield of, crops? Are these reports sent normally by them?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: The States, Sir, stand to benefit from the Central Government because we give half of their gratuitous relief that is to be given. It is their responsibility primarily to ask for it and not our responsibility to tell them that we are ready and to ask them how much relief they want. I think no Government does that.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: My question has not been understood. I want to know what is the practice in existence. What is the normal procedure?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: When the States really feel that they have something to receive from the Central Government, they are very eager to write to us.

*88 and *89. [Postponed to the 9th May, 1962.]

POWER DEVELOPMENT in FOURTH PLAN

*90. SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Study Group appointed to consider programmes for power development in the Fourth Plan has since submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government on the report?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (HAFIZ MOHAMMAD IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

*91. [For answer, vide cols. 768-69 infra.]

92. [Transferred to the 3rd May 1962.]