

Mr. Speaker: Question 32.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: May I suggest that question 36 may also be taken up with this question?

Mr. Speaker: Is the Minister agreeable?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Yes, they can be taken together.

Supply of Foodgrains to States

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Shri P. C. Borooah;
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla;
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri;
Shri Jagdev Singh
 Siddhanti:
Shri Shree Narayan Das;
Shri Jashvant Mehta;
Shri S. M. Banerjee;
Shri Daji;
Shri Daljit Singh;
Shri P. R. Chakraverti;
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav;
Shri Yashpal Singh;
Shri Vishram Prasad;
Shri Gulshan;
Dr. P. Srinivasan;
Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha;
Shri R. Ramanathan
 Chettiar:
Shri Sezhiyan;
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey;
Shri Solanki;
Shri Narasimha Reddy;
Shri Kapur Singh;
Shri Buta Singh;
Shri R. S. Pandey;
Shri Hukam Chand
 Kachhavaiya:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in regard to the scarcity of foodgrains in various States and Union territories;

(b) the demands made by the different States and Union territories for the supply of foodgrains from the Centre during the last three months;

(c) the allotments actually made by the Centre and the quantities actually supplied;

(d) whether despite higher imports of wheat during the last three months, such wheat and its flour has been too scarce in Delhi in particular and the country in general; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) The food situation in the country has considerably improved recently, except in Kerala, Madras and Mysore. It will ease further with the arrival of the *kharif* crops.

(b) and (c). The requirements of the States are considered in consultation with the State Governments and supplies are arranged having regard to their needs and the overall availability of foodgrains with the Central Government. A statement showing the allotments of wheat and rice made and the quantities actually supplied from the Central stocks to the different States and Union Territories from August to October, 1964 is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3355/64].

(d) and (e). There is some scarcity in the wheat-consuming areas. In Delhi there is no scarcity as there is free flow of indigenous wheat in Delhi market from Punjab.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Borooah.

An hon. Member: Let question 36 also be answered.

Mr. Speaker: There would be no time for supplementaries then.

Shri P. C. Borooah: The short supply of rice to the State of Kerala has of late created a riotous situation there. May I know what are the main reasons which created such a situation?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I am making a statement on this soon after Question Hour—it is on the agenda.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Out of the 55,100 tonnes asked for by Madhya Pradesh, only 47,400 tonnes have

been supplied. May I know whether this was in wheat or a demand was made by the State Government that some other cereals should be supplied instead of wheat?

Shri C. Subramaniam: This is with reference to wheat and rice. As far as Madhya Pradesh is concerned, it is only wheat.

Dr. Ranen Sen: The hon. Minister just now stated that excepting certain States, the food situation was improving in the rest of the country. Is it not a fact that in certain States in Eastern India, like West Bengal, the price of rice is very high due to the fact that scarcity still continues there?

Shri C. Subramaniam: There, large-scale controlled distribution under controlled prices is taking place, and I do not think there is scarcity in West Bengal now.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Peace Talks with Nagas

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Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Jagdev Singh
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Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Solanki:
Shri Gulshan:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:

- Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Shrimati Vimla Devi:
Shri R. Barua:
Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
Shri Kajrolkar:
Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:
Shri Y. S. Chaudhary:
Shri H. C. Soy:
Shri Naval Prabhakar:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaiah:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:
Shri Gokulananda Mohanty:
Shri Rama Chandra Mallick:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri M. Rampure:
Shri D. D. Mantri:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the peace talks between Naga Hostiles and Government representatives at Kohima;

(b) whether it is a fact that the representatives of the Naga Hostiles objected to the presence of Mr. Shilo Ao, Nagaland Chief Minister, at the Conference table and if so, how was the matter settled; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Naga Hostiles have demanded the extension of the period of suspension of operations, as long as possible and if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) The talks are still going on and have not reached a definitive stage.

(b) Initially, the underground delegates objected to the presence of