

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-7379/66.*]

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

**Foodgrains Production in States**

\*447. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:**  
**Shri Krishnapal Singh:**  
**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri J. B. S. Bist:**  
**Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**  
**Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:**  
**Shri Rama Chandra Mallick:**  
**Shri Sudhansu Das:**  
**Shri D. J. Naik:**  
**Shri Chhotubhai Patel:**  
**Shri P. L. Barupal:**  
**Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:**  
**Shri Madhu Limaye:**  
**Shri B. L. Chandak:**  
**Shri R. G. Dubey:**  
**Shri Naval Prabhakar:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is likely to be a major fall in foodgrains production in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan this year;

(b) if so, the estimated shortfall in relation to the targets of output in each of these States; and

(c) the special measures, if any, taken to meet the situation?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) to (c). Firm estimates of production of kharif foodgrains are not yet available while

sowings of rabi foodgrains are still in progress. It is therefore too early at this stage to frame an estimate of the shortfall in relation to the targets of output. High priority is being given to cultivation of high yielding varieties of foodgrains and intensification of measures for multiple cropping wherever irrigation facilities are available. Special arrangements have been made for the supply of inputs such as fertilizers for the high yielding varieties programme. In addition, normal programmes for minor irrigation and soil conservation, extended use of fertilizers and manures and improved seeds, extension of plant protection measures and adoption of improved agricultural practices are being continued.

**Super Bazars and Stores for Rural Areas**

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**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
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**Dr. M. M. Das:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to provide the rural population with Super Bazars;

(b) whether the Central and State Governments have earmarked any amount for providing facilities to the Consumer Co-operative Stores in the rural areas; and

(c) if so, what is the amount involved and the schemes to be worked out?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) There is no proposal to set up super bazars which are meant for big cities and towns only.