

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know whether any site has been fixed upon the location of the slaughter-house?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Yes, Sir; the site that has been recommended by the Town Planning Organisation is situated in the Jwalahari village between the railway line and Rohtak Road, between the sixth and seventh mile.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know whether this site is such as not to cause any kind of hardship to the people living in the neighbouring areas?

**Shri Karmarkar:** No, Sir; the Town Planning Organisation have taken everything into consideration and they have arrived at the conclusion that that is the best possible site.

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि ज्वालाहेड़ी गाव में स्लाटर-हाउस ले जाने की जो योजना है, क्या उस वे: अन्तर्गत चमड़े के कारखाने भी बहा ले जाने की व्यवस्था है ?

श्री करमरकर : जी हाँ, वह भी कर रहे हैं ।

#### Damage to Crops by Heavy Rains

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**Shrimati Da Palchoudhuri:**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri Hem Raj:**  
**Shri Rajendra Singh:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**  
**Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:**  
**Shri Pangarkar:**  
**Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy and incessant rains in various parts of India during September, 1958 have caused considerable damage to standing crops and delayed the sowing of the rabi crops to a large extent;

(b) if so, the nature of the damage done and the areas affected (State-wise);

(c) the assistance given by the Central Government to each State; and

(d) how far the rains have affected the food situation in the country?

**The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** (a) and (b). According to information so far received there has been some damage to standing crops in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Bombay and Rajasthan. Information about the extent of damage and areas affected is not available. The Rabi sowing is reported to have been delayed in Bihar, West Bengal, Mysore, Bombay, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Central assistance for expenditure on gratuitous relief is admissible to State Governments according to the policy laid down in this respect. No requests from the States have yet been received.

(d) It is not possible to estimate at this stage the effect of the heavy rains in September in certain areas on the food situation.

I would like to add that according to the latest indications the rice crop all over India, which forms nearly 40 per cent of our total production of cereals, is very good. In fact, we have received reports from some of the States that they expect bumper crops of rice. Due to stagnation of water in Punjab, Bihar, some parts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan the standing millet crop has been somewhat affected. It is too early to say about the coming rabi crops. But very extensive areas have been sown and because of the heavy rains there has been sprouting of seeds also. That is the position.

**Shri Ram Krishan:** May I know whether it is a fact that a large portion of the flood affected area has become unfit for sowing rabi crops?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** Very little area has become unfit. In fact, I have toured quite extensively and found that rabi sowing has been extensively done and sprouting is very good.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know the quantity of wheat and other seeds supplied to the growers in the affected areas?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** That is done by the State Governments. We do not have the figures about it. But I understand that large quantities of seeds have been distributed this year among the farmers.

**Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** May I know whether there have been reports, particularly from the Andhra State, about the washing away of minor irrigation sources? May I also know whether the Andhra State has been requesting the Centre to give assistance to restore these minor irrigation sources? If so, what action has been taken by the Government of India?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** The concerned Minister of Andhra saw me about an hour ago and he gave me papers. He is going to meet the Finance Minister also and we are looking into the matter.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether any assistance has been rendered to the rabi growers under the recently launched rabi campaign, because the hon. Minister just now said that rabi sowing has been delayed to some extent?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** Yes. All over the area where rabi campaign has been taken in, improved seeds were reached; fertilisers and insecticides were also reached. There the teams assist the farmers in doing better sowing.

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** यू० पी० में इस बार बीज की इनकी आवश्यकता थी कि बहुत से खेतों में खेती ही नहीं हो सकी। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उसके बारे में क्या किया गया है ?

**श्री ए० प्र० जैन :** हमारी खबर तो यह है कि उत्तर प्रदेश ने करीब करीब किसानों की बीज की जरूरत जो थी उसको पूरा कर दिया है। केन्द्रीय सरकार से उन्होंने ऐसा कहा था कि पांच लाख मन बीज पंजाब से उनको दिला दिया जाये। वह पांच लाख मन उनको दिला दिया गया था।

**Shri Panigrahi:** The hon. Minister said that States have reported bumper crops of rice. May I know which of the States have reported bumper crops? Have they reported any estimated surpluses?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** The hon. Member's State of Orissa has reported that they expect a bumper crop, provided the cyclone which they generally expect in the end of November or first week of December does not cause any damage this year.

**Shri V. C. Shukla:** Are Government aware that in large parts of Madhya Pradesh the rabi crop will be poor because of the absence or high price of wheat prevailing there?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** I made enquiries from the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and he told me that seed has been reached practically all over the State. It is likely that there is an odd place here or there where the seed has not reached. But, on the whole it has reached all the places.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Is it a fact that in Punjab extensive sowing of rabi has been done only in areas which have not been affected by floods during the past few years and it has not been sown in areas which have been repeatedly visited by floods during the last five years?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** I have already said that there are certain areas which are water-logged. But my information is that a larger area has been brought under rabi crops this year than in the previous few years.

**Shri Goray:** What will be the total acreage affected by the rabi drive and what is the target fixed for crop production.

**Shri A. P. Jain:** We have not received reports from all places. But I can give the hon. Member information about one State which will give him some idea.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member there.

**Shri A. P. Jain:** If the House desires, I will give that information.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thought he has concluded.

**Shri Nath Pal:** He has just begun.

**Shri A. P. Jain:** In Mysore out of the 13 lakhs acres originally selected operations have been done over 10 lakhs of acres.

**Shri Raghunir Sahal:** Has it not come to the notice of the hon. Minister that in the flood affected areas of western U.P. seed was not made available in adequate quantities and that whatever seed was imported from Punjab arrived very late. Will the Minister ensure that land will not be left without rabi sowing?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** I have made personal enquiries and I am also doing a little bit of sowing.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** How much?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** Large quantities of seed were made available. I have not received any complaint that seed has not reached the rural areas. On the other hand, the complaint is that some of the farmers have taken large quantities of seed, which is being supplied at a cheaper rate, and have sold it in the market for eating purposes.

**श्री रा० के० वर्मा:** धनी माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया कि बीज वितरित किया गया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह जानने की कोशिश की गई है कि जो बीज

वितरित किया गया वह कागजों पर ही वितरित किया गया है या कि किसानों के हाथों में भी वह पहुँचा है ?

**श्री अ० प्र० जैन:** जो असली बीज था वह तो रेल के जरिये ही वहाँ पहुँचाया गया है। उन्होंने ही उसको बाटा है। कागजों पर हो तो मैं नहीं जानता। मैं तो यही जानता हूँ कि असल में उसको बाटा गया है।

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Is the Minister aware of the fact that rabi has not been sown in many of the areas in Bihar because good seed is not supplied in adequate quantities?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** Well, Bihar wanted us to supply them 25,000 maunds of seeds from Punjab. We have supplied them that quantity and there has been no complaint from Bihar.

**Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** It is a generally understood principle that gratuitous relief will be given by the Centre to the extent of 50 per cent, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 2 crores, to the States in the event of natural calamities. But it has been the experience of many State Governments, and particularly the Andhra State that this gratuitous relief is never given by the Central Government to the full; that is to say, even the 50 per cent is not given. For instance, last year there was some natural calamity in Andhra State and the State Government has incurred heavy expenditure. But proportionate relief has not been given to the State Government so far.

**Shri A. P. Jain:** 50 per cent reimbursement of the expenditure is made by the Centre. There are rules to the effect that the State Government can take immediate operations even without reference to the Centre and 50 per cent of the expenditure will be reimbursed by the Centre. Of course, there has been some modification in the rules on account of the creation of a Special Fund in the States.