

the growing of it. But, the other aspects also, I think, will be kept in view.

#### Reserve Stock of Foodgrains

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\*534. { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri Chandra Shankar:  
Shri R. C. Majhi:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether decision to build up a reserve stock of 5 (five) million tons of foodgrains was fulfilled in 1960;

(b) if not, what was the shortfall;

(c) whether the shortfall was in paddy or in wheat; and

(d) whether this reserve stock was or is being released?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) to (c). The decision was to build up gradually a reserve stock of one million tons of rice and four million tons of wheat by the end of the Third Five Year Plan period.

On the 12th November, 1961, about 7 lakh tons of rice and 16.7 lakh tons of wheat were available in the Central Reserve.

(d) The stocks held in this reserve have to be turned over; stocks are, therefore, being issued out from the Central reserve and being replenished by fresh stocks.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** From which of the States will these foodgrains will be collected for this reserve stock?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil):** The stock is to be held in all parts of the country; naturally whichever is nearest.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know whether the deficit States will also be included for collection?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** No. The idea is that this stock is to be as reserve stock. Naturally, this stock will not remain because after a year, the stock

will be spoiled. Therefore, this has got to be turned over. Therefore, wherever it is convenient to hold the stock, we shall hold it.

**Shri Bishwanath Roy:** In view of the present position regarding foodgrains in the country, may I know whether all sorts of restrictions regarding movement will be removed now?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** All sorts of restrictions, so far as wheat is concerned, are removed. So far as rice is concerned, these are in the process of being removed. But, I must be sure that there will be no difficulty.

**Shri Thimmaiah:** May I know whether the stock will be built up by local collection only or by some imported foodgrains?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** The import of foodgrains scheme will run for another 2 or 3 years as has been done. A year and a few months have gone. Later on, it will be indigenous foodgrains.

**Shri Rampure:** Is there any proposal to hold *jowar* stock also?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** We have not gone to *jowar* and *bajra*. If it is necessary to hold it, surely, we shall hold it.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** The target was 5 million tons. So far, only 23 lakh tons have been stored. By what time will the target be reached?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** The target was also supposed to be reached in 4 years: not in 1 year and a few months.

**Shri Braj Raj Singh:** In view of the easy position in foodgrains in the country generally, will the Government now consider over the matter of not importing foodgrains from the U.S.A. under the Agreement?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** The easiness in foodgrains position depends on the completion of that Agreement.

**Shri Tangamani:** May I know whether out of the stock, paddy is being

supplied to the States which have had fairprice shops? Madras has now started fair price shops.

**Shri S. K. Patil:** The whole theory of stock-pile is this. When we have got 5 million tons, out of that, surely it will be supplied. It will be turned over and got again. There is nothing very sacrosanct about it that out of it nothing can be done. It is meant to be given. The idea is, so long as we hold it, it has a salutary effect both on prices and availability of grains.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** I want to know whether adequate steps have been taken for storage purposes and whether stores have been built?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** Storage is being built up. This year, in another nine months or so, we have a very large programme for building storage.

#### Paddy Cultivation

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\*535. { **Shri Barman:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri R. C. Majhi:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**

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

(a) whether any demonstration was arranged for paddy cultivation by a team of Japanese farmers this year to observe the Freedom From Hunger Campaign;

(b) if so, in which States this demonstration was given; and

(c) what is the number of farmers who have taken advantage of this demonstration?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Shri Barman:** Does it mean that no Japanese farmers came to this country and gave any demonstration?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** No. The hon. Member has asked about the Freedom

from Hunger Campaign. No Japanese have however come here under that campaign. Four Japanese farmers have been in this country for the last 4 or 5 years and they have been demonstrating the Japanese method. This question relates to that campaign. This coming of the Japanese farmers is not under that campaign. That is why the reply was in the negative.

**Shri Barman:** Since some years, our cultivators are doing this so-called Japanese method of cultivation which ordinarily means line sowing, which we are doing since times past. May I know whether these Japanese farmers who are touring this country for the last 4 or 5 years, as the hon. Minister said, have introduced any new elements by demonstration or they are simply touring?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The Japanese method of cultivation does not consist merely of line sowing. There are many items which are not practised collectively anywhere in India. The Japanese farmers were not merely visitors going here and there. They have taken on ordinary terms certain land and they are working here on their own without any subsidy or help from the Government. They have proved how much more we can produce. Everybody is impressed by it. They have been able to produce far more than what we did by copying some of the items.

**Shri Basumatari:** May I know whether the Japanese method of cultivation which is introduced in the community development projects is becoming more popular or decreasing in popularity?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It has become more popular. We are covering about 7 million acres under the Japanese method. Of course, it is not perfect Japanese method. We want to introduce it still further and make it more perfect with the help of the Japanese.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** The hon. Minister has just now stated that the Japanese farmers have been able to