

FOOD PRODUCTION AWARDS SCHEME

[*144. Shri Balmiki: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the types of produce for which awards were announced in 1951-52 in pursuance of the Awards Scheme;

(b) the names of *Kisans* who received first awards from the Government of India and the types of produce in respect of which they got them; and

(c) how the *Kisans* in general are reacting to this Scheme?]

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Crop Competition awards were announced in 1951-52 for the following:—

- (1) Paddy, (2) Wheat, (3) Jowar, (4) Bajra, (5) Gram and (6) Potatoes.

(b) The recipients of awards for 1951-52 have not yet been selected.

(c) The farmers are reacting favourably to the scheme.

श्री कन्हैया लाल बाल्मीकी : क्या यह सच है कि यह इनाम शहरी किसानों को मिले है ?

[Shri Balmiki: Is it true that these awards have been given to urban *Kisans*?]

श्री कियवाई : यह इनाम हर किस्म की पैदावार करने वालों को मिले है ।

[Shri Kidwai. These awards have been given to all sorts of cultivators.]

श्री कन्हैया लाल बाल्मीकी : जहां तक जानकारी में आया है यह इनाम ज्यादातर उन किसानों को मिले है जो कि अमार नी है और रंगया की खर्च कर सकते है और उनके खेत शहर के आसपास है । आम देहात में इन इनामों का कोई प्रभाव नहीं हुआ है ।

[Shri Balmiki: From reports available, these awards have been given to those *Kisans* who are rich, who can spend money and whose fields are near the towns. These awards have had no effect in the villages in general.]

श्री कियवाई : मैं शकमुजार हूँ इस इतला के लिये और कोशिश करूंगा कि और देहातों को भी यह खबर पहुंच जाय ।

[Shri Kidwai: I am grateful for this information and would see to it that this information reaches the villages as well.]

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS

*132. Shri Hukam Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the actual procurement of foodgrains during the year 1951-52 has fallen short of the target for the year; and

(b) what were the reasons for this short fall, if any?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) During 1951 a total quantity of 3,770 thousand tons of foodgrains was procured in India against a target of 3,958 thousand tons. During 1952, up to 26-4-52, the quantity procured amounts to 1,927 thousand tons, against the target for 1952, of 3,646 thousand tons.

(b) The shortfall was mainly in the case of Madras, Rajasthan, PEPSU, Orissa and Bombay, it was due to the conditions created by failure of crops in the area.

BIRTH RATE

*145. Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what is the birth rate in India;

(b) whether the percentage of birth rate has been increasing and if so, at what rate during the last two decades;

(c) what is the comparative percentage of increase in birth-rate in different States; and

(d) whether there is any planned parenthood scheme working in any part of the country and if so, with what effect?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) The birth rate in India based on information available from Part 'A' States and the Part 'C' States of Delhi, Aimer and Coorg, during the year 1950 was 24.8 per thousand. The respective figures for the years 1946-49 were 29.2, 26.6, 25.2 and 26.4.