

**Support Price for Chillies and Turmeric**

\*467. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices recommends the minimum support prices for chillies and turmeric;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reason therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to include chillies and turmeric in the list of agricultural commodities in view of their large domestic consumption?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The question of bringing various crops under the purview of Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme is continuously reviewed by the Government in consultation with Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP). While deciding upon the crops to be brought under the purview of MSP Scheme, a distinction ought to be made between crops having localised production vis-a-vis crops grown extensively in the country, between perishable and non-perishable in the country, between perishable and non-perishable agricultural commodities and between crops important in terms of their contribution to total crop. After taking into account these considerations, the coverage of Minimum Support Price is not extended to chillies and turmeric.

**Storage Facilities in Maharashtra**

\*468. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate facilities for storage of foodgrains are available in Maharashtra; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI). (a) and (b). On a macro level basis, the existing capacity for storage of foodgrains in Maharashtra is considered to be adequate. However, in order to remove regional imbalances etc., Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation have tentatively proposed to construct additional storage capacity to the extent of 53,400 tonnes in Maharashtra during the Eighth Plan period.

[*Translation*]

**Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme**

\*469. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:  
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to cover all the districts in each State under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme indicating the names of crops likely to be covered under it; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to intensify Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme for the betterment of the farming community?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE