

Annasahib Shinde): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Rice from Burma

1612. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to Port Workers' strike at Visakhapatnam and delays in the shipment of rice from Burma, Government have been forced to cut down promised supplies to several States; and

(b) if so, which are those States?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Orissa, West Bengal, other States in the eastern region and Kerala.

Sugar Mills in Undeveloped areas

1613. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up sugar mills in the undeveloped areas during the Fourth Plan; and

(b) if so, in which States?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). Letters of intent/licences have been issued to parties in cooperative and private sectors for setting up during the Fourth Plan, 20 new sugar factories (18 as growers cooperatives) in the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Mysore, Madras, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Assam. These mills will come up in the rural areas.

Subsidy on Food Supplied to Madras

1614. Shri Siddheswar Prasad:
Shrimati Savitri Shyam:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madras Government have demanded subsidy on food;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether any subsidy on food is being given to any State?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Central Government issues most of the foodgrains from its stocks to different State Governments at subsidised rates. The Central subsidy is thus built-in in the issue prices. Apart from this, no other subsidy on food is being given to any State.

Development Council of Sugar Industry

1615. Shri K. N. Pandey:
Shri D. N. Deb:
Shri K. P. Singh Dec:
Shri P. K. Dec:

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

(a) whether a meeting of Development Council of Sugar Industry was held on the 12th May, 1967; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken at the meeting?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Yes, Sir.