

Goa, Daman and Diu during 1966-67;

(b) whether there is any request from the Government of that Union Territory to increase the quota during 1967-68;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The allotments of various kinds of nitrogenous fertilisers made by the Central Fertilisers made by the Central Fertiliser Pool in favour of Goa, Daman and Diu during 1966-67 and the quantity actually supplied upto 25th May, 1967 against those allotments are given below:—

(Figures in tonnes)

Kind of Fertilier	Quantity allotted for 1966-67.	Quantity supplied till 25th May, 1967.
Sulphate of Amonia	6021	2903
Urea	414	414
Amm. Phosphate	1500	1500
Total in terms of Nitrogen	1754	1100

(b) to (d). Against their estimate of requirements of 2420 tonnes Nitrogen, Government of India have already agreed to allot 2220 tonnes Nitrogen.

#### Super Bazar for Gauhati

2296. Shri Dhireswar Kalita: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to open a Super Bazar at Gauhati; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not opening it so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri M. S. Gerupadswamy): (a) A proposal for the opening of a department store in Gauhati by the local cooperative wholesale store was approved

by the Government of India in November 1966.

(b) The opening of the store has been delayed because no suitable building for housing a department store was readily available in Gauhati. A new building which was under construction was ultimately located for the purpose. Construction work has only recently been completed and it is expected that the store will start functioning by end of this month.

#### Agricultural University in Assam

2297. Shri Dhireswar Kalita: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have represented to the Central Government to allot funds for the establishment of one agricultural university in Assam;

(b) if so, the amount asked for by the State Government; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No request has so far been received from the Government of Assam. In the Draft Outline of Fourth Five Year Plan of Assam, however, it has been proposed to set up an Agricultural University in the State. The Working Group which considered the State Plan has recommended an outlay of Rs. 83.6 lakhs for Agricultural University in Assam. No proposals have, however, been sent so far

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

#### Wheat Seeds developed at Indian Agricultural Research Institute

2299. Shri J. Sundar Lal: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many varieties of wheat seeds have been developed by the

Indian Agricultural Research Institute apart from Sonora 64; and

(b) the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) Apart from Sonora 64, six other wheat varieties of dwarf type have been released in the recent years, besides over 30 other varieties evolved by the Institute earlier.

(b) The dwarf varieties are Lerma Rojo, Chhoti Lerma, Sona 227, Sonalika, Saphed Lerma and Sherbati Sonora. Of these, the last four have amber to white grains, which are preferred by Indian farmers, traders and consumers. All these varieties are fertiliser responsive and have given yields as high as 50-90 mds/Acre. Some of these varieties are also highly resistant to diseases. One of these varieties viz., Sherbati Sonora, has been produced through use of atomic energy.

The other varieties evolved earlier are suitable for cultivation under conditions of average fertility. These varieties have been widely cultivated in the country and they continue to be popular in many parts, because of their disease resistance, grain quality and relatively high yields. Thus, NP 824 is widely grown in Gujarat, NP 835 and NP 852 in Bihar, NP 832 and NP 839 in Madhya Pradesh, NP 718 in Uttar Pradesh, and NP 798 in West Bengal. Likewise, in the North Indian hills, NP 846 and NP 809 continue to be popular, while in the Nilgiris NP 200 and NP 201 are preferred by the cultivators.

#### Supply of Tractors to Orissa

2300. Shri G. C. Naik:  
Shri M. C. Majhi:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to supply three hundred tractors to Orissa State; and

(b) if so, when will these be supplied and on what conditions?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) Three hundred Zetor 2011 tractors out of the imports that are being made from Czechoslovakia have been offered to the Government of Orissa.

(b) The tractors will be imported and supplied very shortly. The terms and conditions of supply will be settled on receipt of a reply of the State Government to the offer made to them.

#### Prices of Vanaspati

2301. Shri George Fernandes:  
Shri Madhu Limaye:  
Shri J. H. Patel:  
Shri Rabi Ray:

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

(a) the number of times the prices of vanaspati were revised during the last two years; and

(b) whether there is scope for further reduction of prices?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) The system of uniform price fixation of vanaspati on zonal basis was introduced only a year back—in June, 1966. During this period, the prices have been revised nine times.

(b) This would depend on the price trends of indigenous vegetable oils, particularly groundnut oil, and the availability of imported oils.