

Offer of Wheat by Punjab

3730. Shri Yajna Datt Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government have offered to the Centre five lakh tons of wheat during the current season; and

(b) how much of the imported wheat is being given to Punjab to meet its requirements during the current year?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No, Sir, Only about 2.25 lakh tonnes of indigenous wheat is expected to be made available by the Punjab Government to the Central Pool during the current season.

(b) Punjab being a surplus State in wheat, no imported wheat as such is being given to the State. In order to meet the requirements of the Roller Flour Mills in the State, a quantity of about 5,000 tonnes of imported wheat is, however, at present being allotted to these mills every month.

Transport Facilities in Madhya Pradesh

3731. Shri G. S. Mishra: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted any scheme to improve road transport facilities;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Shipping (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) Not so far, Sir.

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

Fertilisers from Australia

3732. Shri Y. A. Prasad:
Shri B. Barua:

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

(a) the quantity of Fertilisers received from Australia during the year 1966-67; and

(b) the amount of Fertilisers likely to be received under the credit of 2 millions for the year 1967-68?

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

(b) The Department of Agriculture arranges imports of fertilisers with the foreign exchange allocations made every year by the Department of Economic Affairs. No allocation of Australian Credit funds have so far been made for import of fertilisers during 1967-68. However, fertilisers worth \$85,348 are expected to be received from Australia under the Freedom from Hunger Campaign programme. The value of these fertilisers in Rupees is proposed to be used for financing Freedom from Hunger Campaign Project—Training Farm for Young Farmers at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

बिहार को प्रति व्यक्ति चीनी की सप्लाई

3733. श्री कृदुबंद प्रसाद : क्या साक्ष तथा कृषि मंत्री 6 जून, 1967 के धारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 1562 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार राज्य को प्रति वर्ष प्रति व्यक्ति केवल 2.12 किलो के हिसाब से चीनी दी जाने के क्या विशेष कारण हैं जबकि पश्चिम बंगाल, महाराष्ट्र, दिल्ली, कर्णाटक और पंजाब को क्रमशः 5.27 किलो, 6.36 किलो, 21.13 किलो, 30.00 किलो और 6.57 किलो के हिसाब से चीनी दी जाती है; और