

**REQUIREMENT OF FERTILIZERS FOR
ANDHRA PRADESH, ORISSA AND
RAJASTHAN**

4906. SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :
SHRI N. K. SANGHI :
SHRI D. N. DEB :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) total yearly requirement of fertilisers for Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan;

(b) the target for the allocation of fertilisers to these States for 1967-68;

(c) how much of it has been supplied so far; and

(d) whether the target is likely to be fulfilled during 1967-68 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (d). On the basis of acreage to be brought under various priority programmes and availability of fertilisers for the year 1967-68 the Central Teams in consultations with the State Government's representatives have assessed the following requirements of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan and the allocation to the extent of assessed demand is likely to be made :

(Figures in Nitrogen & Tonnes)

Name of State	Requirements to be met from Central Pool	Requirements to be met from free sale quota	Actual Supplies made upto 5-12-67 against pool allocation
1. Andhra Pradesh	1,39,880	43,000	63,959
2. Orissa	25,720	14,000	4,864
3. Rajasthan	28,160	—	12,570

Further supplies are in progress. If the State Governments are in need of the targetted allocations, and make adequate arrangements for giving despatch instructions, and for lifting the stocks the supplies will be made as required by the State Governments.

PRICES OF FERTILISERS

4907. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to reduce prices of fertilizers during the course of the next year to boost agricultural production; and

(b) if so, the reduction proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**LOAN FOR SINKING TUBE-WELLS IN
WEST BENGAL**

4908. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal have

asked for loan for sinking tube-wells in the State during 1967-68;

(b) if so, the nature of loan 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) Yes.

(b) During the year 1967-68, the Planning Advisers had recommended an outlay of Rs. 616 lakhs for the minor irrigation programme for the State of West Bengal. The State Government requested the Government of India for an additional assistance of Rs. 84 lakhs for taking up some selective minor irrigation schemes in the district of Birbhum in West Bengal. Out of this amount, only Rs. 15 lakhs was earmarked by the State Govt. for sinking 100 shallow tube-wells in that district.

(c) Due to difficult budgetary position during the current financial year, it has not been possible to allot any additional funds for minor irrigation programme to any of the States, including West Bengal.