

At the request of the Andhra Pradesh Government, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture have allotted 500 tonnes of Bal Ahar for free distribution in the drought-affected areas. This Bal Ahar had originally been produced for free distribution in Bihar. It is understood CARE are already carrying on feeding programmes in some of the scarcity-affected areas of the State.

The Andhra Pradesh Government would be entitled with the prescribed pattern of financial assistance on the basis of actual expenditure incurred by them.

**QUALITY CONTROL ON FLOUR MANUFACTURED BY FLOUR MILLS VIS-A-VIS STONE CHAKKIS**

4981. SHRI RANJIT SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3049 on the 5th December, 1967 and state :

(a) whether any steps have since been taken to introduce/exercise quality control in respect of flour ground by the stone chakkis;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for making obligatory on the flour mills alone to maintain the standards laid down under the prevention of Food Adulteration Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The quality specifications for wheat products viz. atta, suji and maida laid down under the PFA Rules apply to products viz. atta, suji and maida laid do not make any distinction between the products prepared by stone chakkies and the Roller Flour Mills.

**HINDUSTAN SUGAR MILLS, GOLA GOKARANNATH**

4982. SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that canegrowers' strike is going on in Gola Gokarannath District Kheri in connection with the supply of sugarcane to the Hindustan Sugar Mills, Gola Gokarannath since the 20th November, 1967; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to resolve the deadlock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, there was a Cane growers' strike but a settlement has since been reached between the Hindustan Sugar Mills and the sugarcane growers of the area.

**YIELD FROM RIVER PROJECT AREAS**

4983. SHRI CHENGALARAYA NAIDU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that a working group of the Committee on Natural Resources of the Planning Commission has recommended certain steps to improve the yields from river project areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; 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) to (c). A report on 'Study on Soil Conservation in the catchment areas above dams in river valley projects' prepared by the Committee on Natural Resources of the Planning Commission has just been received. This report