

Statement

(In '000 tonnes)

Name of the State	Demand	Allotment;
Andhra Pradesh	65.0	29.0
Bihar	520.0	95.0
Gujarat	336.0	178.1
Maharashtra	832.0	464.0
Manipur	7.2	5.0
Madhya Pradesh	140.9	66.0
Mysore	170.0	62.0
Nagaland	9.6	6.8
Orissa	60.0	22.0
Rajasthan	228.0	136.0
Tamil Nadu	120.0	45.0
Tripura	19.0	9.0
Uttar Pradesh	261.0	105.0
West Bengal	515.0	435.0*

*Including 75 thousand tonnes rice from State Govt. stocks held by FCI.

Hunger deaths in Bihar

1846. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the hunger deaths in Bihar; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government have taken to save the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) A report from the State Government was called for. The State Government, in its report dated 12-2-1973, has reported that no deaths due to starvation have taken place.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up fertiliser production units on Cooperative Lines

1847. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether considering the shortage of fertiliser production in the country, Government propose to encourage such ventures in other States as that of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative which is setting up a unit for production of N.P.K. fertiliser complex in Kandla; and

(b) The Government's contribution in the two fertilisers projects proposed to be set up in Gujarat by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):

(a) Proposals from cooperative organisations for setting up fertiliser plants at suitable locations will receive the earnest consideration of Government. Proposals submitted by the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. for setting up two new fertiliser plants in the Fifth Plan period are under consideration.

(b) Government of India is contributing Rs. 18 crores as share capital and Rs. 23.15 crores as loans for the two fertiliser projects being set up in Gujarat by IFFCO. In addition, the public sector financing institutions are expected to provide loans to the tune of Rs. 26 crores.

छोटे किसानों की वर्षा पर निर्भरता को समाप्त करने के लिए मध्यम तथा लघु सिंचाई योजनाएँ

1848. श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव :

श्री हरी सिंह :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस प्रकार की कोई छोटी प्रथम मध्यम योजनाएँ सरकार के विचाराधीन