

regarding the irregularities still existing in the capital's unaided schools even after the Coming into force of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973, and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon and steps proposed against defaulting schools?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. These are being looked into.

Procurement of Wheat by States, at announced Price

3188. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States have an obligation to pay to the farmers for their produce being sold to State agencies as levy for procurement purposes, the price of wheat per quintal as announced by the Minister on the 25th March, 1976;

(b) whether the downward trend in the foodgrain prices has been arrested as a result of the announcement of procurement prices; and

(c) reasons for delay in the announcement of procurement price of wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). The present downward trend of prices of foodgrains is mainly due to the comfortable supply position and the expectation of a bumper Rabi harvest. The State Governments have been asked to purchase foodgrains offered at the procurement/Support prices and the minimum prices to foodgrains are expected to stabilise atleast at this level.

(c) The procurement price of wheat has been announced before the com-

mencement of the Rabi harvesting season

Tamralipta Museum and Research Centre at Tamluk

3189. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamralipta Museum and Research Centre at Tamluk in the district of Midnapur in West Bengal, was inaugurated on the 17th December, 1975 by the Chief Minister of West Bengal,

(b) if so, how the antiquities exhibited in the Museum were recovered,

(c) whether the Central Archaeological Department visited Tamluk and arranged for further excavation; and

(d) if so, result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF S. NURUL HASAN): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The exhibits are reported to be surface collections.

(c) and (d) The site was excavated by the Superintending Archaeologist, Eastern Circle during 1974-75. It was also visited by the Joint Director General in 1975 and was not found to be sufficiently promising for further excavation.

Central Assistance for Poultry and Piggery in Kerala

3190. SHRI VARKEY GEORGE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government have asked for financial assistance from the Centre for starting poultry and piggery farming on a priority basis for helping the farmers; and

(b) if so, amount asked for and facts of the scheme?