

addition, during 1984-85, Central grants amounting to Rs 12.75 crores was released to the Government of Maharashtra under Accelerated Rural water Supply Programme and incentive scheme for covering identified problem villages.

**Decision taken at Zonal Conference
on seeds for Kharif 1985**

2045. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the conclusions arrived at the recently concluded Zonal Conference on Seeds for Kharif, 1985 attended by State Governments' representatives apart from representatives of Seeds Corporations of the States ; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to implement them ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) In the recent Zonal Seed Conference the availability and requirement of quality/certified seeds for Kharif 1985 was assessed. The total quality/certified seed requirement for Kharif 1985 is 31.60 lakh quintals as against the availability of 32.42 lakh quintals.

(b) The seed supply plan for Kharif

1985 has been prepared cropwise, state-wise and agencywise and sent to State Governments, State Seed Corporations, National Seed Corporation, State Farms Corporation of India and Private seed dealers for implementation. Regular monitoring of the seed supply is being done by the Government of India as well as by the State Governments.

Procurement of Foodgrains

2046. SHRI G.S. GHOLAP : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether procurement of foodgrains has increased so much that Government have to think to export foodgrains ; and

(b) if so, what is the procurement during the last three years upto 31st March, 1985 ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH) : The procurement of foodgrains during the 1984-85 season shows an increase over that of the previous year. The Government keeps open the option to export foodgrains from the country, if necessary and feasible.

(b) Procurement of foodgrains during the last three Kharif and Rabi marketing seasons is given below :

(In Million Tonnes)

Marketing Season	Rice (including paddy in terms of rice)	Coarsegrains	Wheat
1982-83	7.05	0.17	7.72
1983-84	7.83	0.04	8.29
1984-85	8.77	0.16	9.30
(As on 31.3. 1985)			