

### Production and Procurement of Foodgrains

894. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the record production and procurement of foodgrains, Government are considering to bring down the prices of rice and wheat for Public Distribution System in the country; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). No proposal to reduce issue prices of rice and wheat is under consideration of Government.

[Translation]

### Insurance Scheme for Fruit Crops

895. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce insurance scheme for fruit crops, especially for the fruits produced in the temperate climate; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by his Ministry to compensate the farmers for the damage caused to fruits by frost, hailstorms and strong winds ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) It has been decided to introduce a comprehensive scheme of crop insurance as an integral part of crop loans. To begin with, the scheme will cover Wheat, Paddy, Oilseeds and Pulses only. For the present, the scheme does not cover fruit crops.

[English]

### Facility to Magazines for Tribal Reading

896. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are providing any special facility to the magazines exclusively for tribal reading;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether more facilities will be extended to them as tribals need special attention ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) Newspapers/journals published in tribal languages or primarily meant for tribal readers having minimum paid circulation of 500 copies per issue qualify for Government advertisements as against minimum paid circulation of 1000 in other cases. Similarly, relaxation is available for newspapers/journals published in tribal language or primarily for tribal readership in the prescribed print area. These newspapers are also entitled to all other concessions/benefits available to small and medium newspapers.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

### Training to the Rural Youths for Self-Employment in Goa

897. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are running a programme for training rural youths for self-employment in the States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the target for providing training to the rural youths for self-employment in Goa during 1985; and

(c) the financial allocation for this programme ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The scheme is called "Training of rural youth for self-employment".

(b) The target for training of rural youths for self-employment is fixed for the financial year and not for the calendar year. The target fixed by the Administra-