

**Paddy Procurement and stock in
Buffer stock**

157. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :

(a) whether this year the unseasonal
rains had taken place in September-
October which were fairly widespread all
over the country;

(b) how it has effected the crops ; and

(c) what is the actual procurement of
paddy so far and the buffer stocks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA
MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) The widespread
rains in September and October have been
generally beneficial for kharif crops. These
are also expected to provide adequate soil
moisture for undertaking sowings of rabi
crops.

(c) The total procurement of rice and
paddy taken together is 23.44 lakh tonnes
(in terms of rice) as on 11.11.1985. The
total stock of rice as on 1.10.1985 is
estimated at 5.73 million tonnes.

**Central assistance under Sugarcane
price formula**

158. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :
Will the Minister of FOOD AND
CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government gives
any assistance/support to State Govern-
ments when they fix the sugarcane price
for the mills;

(b) if so, the formula adopted ;

(c) whether there is a proposal to
suitably amend this formula; and

(d) whether any State Government has
sought higher Central Government assis-
tance under the formula to raise the sugarcane
price and if so, Government's reaction
thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL
SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a)
No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Conversion of LPTs into High Power
TV Transmission Centres in Kerala**

159. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formu-
lated a scheme for converting the low
power TV transmission centres in Kerala
into high power TV transmission centres ;
and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :
(a) No, Sir. THE low power transmitters
set up in Trivandrum in November 1982
and in Cochin in July 1984 have been
since replaced by high power transmitters.

(b) Does not arise.

**Fruit Juice Plant of Modern Food
Industries, Delhi**

160. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL
SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to expand the
capacity of the fruit juice plant of the
Modern Food Industries in Delhi has been
abandoned;

(b) whether it is a fact that this public
sector unit finds itself unable to compete
with the organised soft drinks sector in the
private sector; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to make
this unit viable and strong enough to face
competition from the private sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL
SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a)