

structured in Maharashtra during 1991 and 1992 are given below :

1991—	427
1992—	321

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Import of Wheat

1874. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA) : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import wheat during 1993 - 94; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):(a) and (b). No additional wheat beyond 29.90 lakh tonnes, which had been contracted during June - October, 1992, is proposed to be imported as of now, keeping in view the better production and procurement prospects in 1993 -94.

Production of Makhana

1875. SHRI UPENDRANATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council for Agricultural Research has made any research regarding the development of new variety of Euryli Forex (Makhana) to promote its yield:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be

taken by the Government to increase the production of Makhana so as to bring the uniformity in its price all over the country and boost export keeping in view of its demand in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON- CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). The Council has sanctioned an adhoc scheme entitled " Collection and Evaluation of Gorgan nut (Makhana) germplasm grown in Bihar and West Bengal" for implementetion at Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa (Samastipur) Bihar at a total cost of Rs. 1. 03 laks for a period of three years on 19.2.1992. Superior germplasm when identified can be utilised for increasing production of Makhana.

Sale of Bread and Butter at Super Bazaars

1876. SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRI RAM SINGH
KASHWAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide bread, butter and eggs to the consumers in the branches of Super Bazar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). No.

Sir. The Super Bazar however sells these items in the general course of business from some of its branches.

[English]

Uniform Distribution of Commodities through P. D. S.

1877. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether apart from wheat, rice and sugar, other commodities like edible oil, kerosene oil, cloth, salt are also supplied through the Public Distribution System throughout India;

(b) if so, whether the number of items distributed through the public Distribution System differ from State to State; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof and steps taken to ensure uniform supply of commodities under P. D. S. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c). Rice, wheat, levy sugar, kerosene, Imported edible oils and soft coke are supplied by Central Government to State Governments / UT Administrations for distribution to consumers through the public Distribution System (PDS). The State Governments / UT Administration were requested to include additional items of mass consumption taking into account the local needs of the population. Commodities such as iodised salt, Janta saree / dhoti, pulses, tea, washing soaps, matches, exercise book etc. are reported to be distributed by different State Govern-

ments and UT Administrations. The items and the quantum distributed to the consumers are decided on by them as per local needs and may vary from State to State.

Allocation of PDS commodities are made to the States/UT Administrations taking into account the overall stocks in the Control pool, Inter-se requirements to States/UTs and seasonal factors etc. PDS allocations are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the total requirement of any State/UT.

Railway Link with Manipur

1878. SHRI Y. YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the programme of the Railways for providing railway link with Manipur ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : There are no plans for extension of the Railway link in Manipur at present.

[Tramstation]

Plantation on Railway land

1879. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has undertaken the work of plantation along railway lines;

(b) if so, the total length of railway lines, zone-wise and other area of railway land covered under this programme so far; and

(c) the details regarding the plantation work by Railways to be undertaken during Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE