Kharif	1985		Rs.	8300.59	lakhs
Rabi	1985-86	_	Rs.	295.99	**
Kharif	1986	_	Rs.	8500.00	••

Agriculture inputs subsidy in the wake of floods, cyclone etc., is extended @ Rs. 200/- per ha., for small hnd marginal farmers whose crop was damaged by more than 50 per cent.

## **Rice Import from Burma**

2900. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-CHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to import rice from Burma;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantity of rice to be imported and at what rate; and

(d) the other items proposed to be exported to and imported from Burma?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) and (b). India has offered to import rice from Burma in order to provide impetus to bilateral trade and economic relations.

(c) The quantity of rice to be imported will depend on its availability and the price offered.

(d) The Burmese have shown interest to import a variety of products like engineering goods, steel goods, tyres and tubes, electrical goods etc. India is already importing pulses, timber and non-ferrous metals from Burma.

## **Drought Relief**

2901. SHRI MANIK REDDY :

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have

received any complaint from certain State Governments to the effect that they have been discriminated against in the allocation of drought relief; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Rise in Prices of Essential Commodities** 

2902. DR. A.K. PATEL :

SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the price rise in the consumer prices of essential commodities from 31 March, 1987 to 31 October, 1987 and from 31 October, 1987 to 29 February, 1988;

(b) the rise in prices of essential commodities in the same periods during the last three years;

(c) the rise during these periods in the cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Jammu; and

(d) the administered prices of these commodities as on 31 January, 1988 as compared in 1986 and 1987?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) to (c). Available information is given in statement-I below.

(d) Available information is given in statement-II below.