

(b) whether any one of them has been allotted land so far and if so, the names thereof; and

(c) the names of those, out of them, which have not been allotted land indicating the reasons therefor and the time by which land will be allotted to these institutions/societies ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.K.L. BHA-
GAT) : (a) to (c). The relevant infor-
mation is being collected will be laid on
the Table of the House.

[English]

**Decline in prices of foodgrains and increase
in prices of other goods**

3835. SHRI DINESH SINGH : Will
the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased
to state :

(a) whether the prices of foodgrains
have declined recently while the prices
of other goods have increased considerably
in the country ; and

(b) if so, steps Government propose
to take to help the farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHAND-
RAKAR) : (a) Monthly average Index
Numbers of wholesale prices of food-
grains increased by 5.3 percent, of manu-
factured products by 2.9 percent and of
all commodities by 3.5 percent in July,
1985 (Upto 20.7.1985) over those in
April, 1985. The monthly average index
of non-food articles, however, declined
during the same period by 3.5
percent.

(b) Does not arise.

Propaganda about quality of Indian wheat

3836. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN :
Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL
SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have inform-
ation about the adverse propaganda,
about the quality of Indian wheat
engineered in the world market by some
established wheat exports ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to con-
tradict such propaganda and to gain the
confidence of the foreign buyers ; and

(d) reaction of the wheat exporting
countries to India's efforts to export
wheat ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND
CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA
SINGH) : (a) to (d). Government
have no information about any adverse
propaganda against Indian wheat in the
world market by established wheat
exporters.

**Memorandum submitted by FCI SC/ST
Employees Association**

3837. SHRI GANGA RAM : Will
the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL
SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the representatives of
the Food Corporation of India Scheduled
Castes/Scheduled Tribes Employees
Association had a meeting with him on
8 April, 1985 and submitted a
memorandum ;

(b) if so, the grievances or points
discussed in the meeting ; and

(c) the steps taken to redress the
grievances of the FCI/ST Employees
Association ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND
CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA
SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The main grievance related to
backlog of posts reserved for SCs/STs
in the Zonals/Regional Offices of Food
Corporation of India. The represent-
atives of the Association also mentioned