

**Pilot Projects for Rice Production in
Andhra Pradesh**

3877. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government for selection of some blocks in the State of Andhra Pradesh for taking up Pilot Projects for increasing the production of rice ;

(b) if so, details thereof during the first half of the Seventh Five Year Plan period ;

(c) the expected share of financial assistance to be provided by the Government of India for Special Rice Production Programme in that State ; and

(d) the time by which the project is expected to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Question do not arise.

**Ineffective Modernisation of
Bonded Labour**

3878. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether modernisation in terms of electrification, irrigation facilities and literacy rate had no positive effect on the reduction of bonded labour system in our country ; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) and (b). The system of bonded labour in India is an outcome of

rural indebtedness which has been prevailing for a long time involving certain economically exploited and weaker sections of the society. The system originated from the uneven social structure characterised by feudal and semi-feudal conditions. Bonded labourers constitute one of the weakest section of the rural poor. Since modernisation in terms of electrification, irrigation facilities and literacy has brought about overall development, this may have had some effect on the bonded labour system. However, no study in this regard has been made. The bonded labourers are mostly illiterate, landless, assetless and resourceless persons. The solution of the problem, therefore, should include removal of illiteracy, ignorance, poverty, landlessness and assetlessness among the rural poor and creating avenues of employment for them. A number of programmes have been included in the 20-Point Programme for ameliorating the lot of the rural poor.

**Construction of T.V. Centre at Porompat
(Manipur)**

3879. PROF. MEIJINLUNG KAMSON : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) when the construction of the Television Centre at Porompat (Manipur) was started;

(b) the time by which it will be completed and commissioned; and

(c) the power and range of the transmitter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Site for setting up a TV Transmitter at Porompat in Imphal was made available to Doordarshan in May 1985. Action for construction of building and tower has been taken up.

(b) It is expected that the Centre shall be ready for operation in 1987.

(c) The proposed 1 KW TV transmitter at Imphal is expected to have a service range of about 60 kms subject to local terrain conditions.

Sale of Wheat as Animal Feed to Korea

3880. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India is negotiating with the Animal Feed Corporation of South Korea to sell about one lakh tonnes of wheat as animal feed; and

(b) whether it is due to the adequate storage facilities that the wheat stocks by FCI got damaged ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir, no such negotiations are under way at present by the Food Corporation of India.

(b) Does not arise. However, it is a fact that the covered storage capacity with the Food Corporation of India is not sufficient to store foodgrains stocks available with the Corporation, and inspite of the precautions taken, some quantities do get damaged for want of covered storage space.

Allocation of Rice, Pulses and Wheat to Kerala

3881. DR. K.G. ADIYODI :
SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND

CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of rice, pulses, wheat etc. allotted to Kerala, during the last 3 years;

(b) the demand put forward by Government of Kerala and the part met by the Centre during the above period;

(c) whether the Centre has met the complete demands of Kerala for the supply of additional foodgrains due to the recent floods; and

(d) if so, to what extent and the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). A statement indicating the information is given below.

(c) and (d). The State Government has requested for additional monthly allocation of 25,000 tonnes of rice from August, 1985, to October, 1985.

The normal monthly allocation of 1,10,000 tonnes of rice to Govt. of Kerala was increased by 5,000 tonnes in June, 1985, 10,000 tonnes in July, 1985, and 15,000 tonnes each in August and September, 1985. In addition, a special one-time allocation of 25,000 tonnes of rice was also made in July, 1985.

Allocations from the Central Pool are only supplemental to open market availability.

Statement

Statement showing demand, allotment and offtake of rice, wheat and sugar during the years 1982 to 1984.

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Item	1982	1983	1984
Rice			
Demand	16.20	16.30	16.20
Allotment	12.05	13.05	13.60
Offtake	11.67	12.94	13.23