

Najafgarh Drain Embankment

9543. **SHRI CHATURBHUI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been undertaken to strengthen the embankment and de-silting of the Najafgarh Drain on the side of Janata Flats of Paschimpuri, Punjabi Bagh Extension and its adjoining areas in West Delhi—worst affected by floods last year;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken for the purpose mentioned in part (a) of the question to avoid floods in the ensuing monsoons; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b). The work of restoring/raising the bank of Najafgarh Drain near Janta Flats of Paschimpuri, Punjabi Bagh Extension etc., in West Delhi is in progress and is expected to be completed before the ensuing monsoons. The banks are being raised 2 ft. higher than the maximum flood level observed during 1977. Delhi Administration has intimated that as there is not much silt in this area, no desilting is considered necessary.

(c) Does not arise.

Rice, Wheat and Maize to J & K

9544. **SHRI ABDUL AHAD VAKIL:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of rice, wheat and maize sent to J & K State from 1975 to date, yearly break-up and cost thereof; and

(b) whether Government of India have given subsidy on foodgrains to State Government; and if so, the total amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) The requisite information is as follows:

Year	Quantity in tonnes.	Value in Lakhs Rs.
1975-76		
Wheat . . .	160,963	2016.27
Rice	50,681	619.04
Maize	3,654	31.06
1976-77		
Wheat	83,501	1032.07
Rice	110,885	1442.06
Maize	119,990	161.88
1977-78		
Wheat	146,143	1835.55
Rice	96,724	1238.89

(b) Foodgrains are issued to all the State Governments including the State of J & K at a uniform Central issue of price which contains an element of subsidy. No other subsidy on foodgrains supplied to J & K State is being given at present excepting subsidy in respect of transport charges, details of which are as under:—

Year	Amount paid as subsidy in respect of transport charges (Value in Lakhs)
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1975-76	18.23 lakhs
1976-77	26.9 lakhs