

Rice, Maize and Wheat to Jammu and Kashmir and Interest Outstanding on Unpaid Amount

1180. SHRI ABDUL AHAD VAKIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is total tonnage of Rice, Maize and Wheat supplied to the State of Jammu and Kashmir since September, 1975 to October, 1978 and cost thereof; and

(b) how much amount as interest on outstanding is unpaid to date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a): The total tonnage of Rice, Wheat and Maize supplied to the State of Jammu and Kashmir since September, 1975 to October, 1978 and cost thereof is as under:—

	Quantity in '000 Tonnes	Cost Rs. in Lakhs
Wheat	442.20	6756.65
Rice	267.30	4147.01
Maize	21.10	212.58
TOTAL	730.60	11116.24

(b) The required information is being collected.

Proposal for a Conference on Urdu Language

1181. SHRI ABDUL AHAD VAKIL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing a conference of all shades of opinion to encourage Urdu language;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI-MATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATAKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is Government's policy to encourage all Indian languages, including Urdu and to provide facilities for their development. The Government are promoting the development of Urdu language by setting up the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu which is publishing academic literature in Urdu. The Government are also assisting National Book Trust and Sahitya Akademi as well as various voluntary organisations engaged in the task of promotion of Urdu. The National Book Trust has been publishing books on various topics including Indian history and culture and children's literature. The Sahitya Akademi has also brought out a number of books which comprise literary and general books. Besides, the Akademi has given awards to distinguished Urdu writers. Training is also being conducted to prepare Urdu teachers in Regional Training Centres (under Central Institute of Indian Languages) established at Solan and Patiala by the Government of India. Thus, due encouragement is being given by the Government for the promotion and development of Urdu language.

दिल्ली बुध योजना की दूध की बोतल में कीड़ा

1183. श्री हरगोबिन्द बर्मा : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली बुध योजना द्वारा सितम्बर, 1978 में टैगोर गार्डन, नई दिल्ली को सप्ताई की की गई बुध की बोतल में कीड़े सहित घनेक सड़ी गली वस्तुएं पाई गई थीं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा उन अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है जिनकी देह रेख में ऐसी बुध की बोतलें भरी गई और सील की गई थीं ?