

been sanctioned in 1979-80 and 1980-81 as follows:—

	TYPE—A	TYPE—B	TYPE—C
Shillong . . . . .	20	32	24
Agartala . . . . .	40	12	16
Imphal . . . . .	4	16	16
Kohima . . . . .	8	16	40
Gauhati . . . . .	6	14	2

**Demand for Higher Rates for Shelling Paddy**

2437. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Private Shell Mill Owners are demanding higher rates for shelling of Paddy into rice; and

(b) if so, the quantity of Paddy with the Government and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1-5-80, out of the total quantity of 28.92 lakh tonnes of paddy with F.C.I., a quantity of 13.88 lakh tonnes was yet to be contracted for shelling. All possible steps are being taken to get the balance quantity of paddy also shelled early. Where considered justified, millers are being offered reasonably higher rates; paddy is being moved out to other States where milling capacity is available. A total quantity of 1.61 lakh tonnes of paddy was moved out of Punjab, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh to other states during the period November, 1979 and May, 1980. Other steps like requisitioning of private

milling capacity are also being contemplated.

**New Housing Policy by D.D.A.**

2438. SHRI BHIKHU RAM JAIN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority have recast its house allotment policy;

(b) if so, the details of the new policy; and

(c) the reasons for effecting a change in the house allotment policy?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b and (c). Question does not arise.

**Committee on Ecological Balance**

2439. SHRI BHIKHU RAM JAIN: SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of large scale destruction of forests, rare species of plants getting disappeared, smuggling of red sanders, sandal wood animals and skins, depredation of wild life thereby causing severe ecological imbalance;