

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;

(b) whether a committee set up by the Centre to suggest legislative and administrative measures to maintain-ecological balance had submitted its report;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

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

(b) The Committee set up by Department of Science and Technology in February, 1980, is expected to submit its report by end of July, 1980.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Use of Filter Water for Gardening

2440. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most of the Government colonies, people use filtered water for gardening purposes; and

(b) the steps taken by Government against those residents who are using filtered water for gardening purposes?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) It is not a fact that in most of the Government colonies people use filtered water for gardening purposes. However, isolated cases of such use by residents have come to notice.

(b) Wherever possible, verbal warnings have been given to the residents who have been found using filtered water for gardening purposes.

Rice Mills By F. C. I.

2441. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether F.C.I. has failed to build its own net work of rice mills over the year; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to shell the paddy?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) and (b). The Food Corporation of India has so far set up 25 modern rice mills in the various States. Compared with total procurement made by F.C.I. the capacity of the rice mills owned by the Corporation is insignificant. The Food Corporation of India enters into contract with private millers for getting its paddy milled. To ensure expeditious milling of paddy stocks lying in surplus States, the Corporation has moved during the last 3 years, 4.36 lakh tonnes of paddy from Punjab, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh to other States. The possibilities of requisitioning private rice mills are also being considered.

Crisis in Deep Sea Fishing Industry

2442. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deep sea fishing industry in the country is facing great crisis; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.