

Actual deliveries against the monthly requirements for West Bengal for the months of April-November, 1980

(In thousand tonnes)

Month 1980	Demand		Allotment		Supplies	
	Rice	Wheat PD	Rice	Wheat PD	Rice	Wheat PD
April . . . .	150 0	250 0	150 0	150 0	71 4	40 0
May . . . .	150 0	250 0	150 0	150 0	63 7	42 2
June . . . .	156 6	250 0	156 0	150 0	61 4	44 8
July . . . .	150 0	250 0	150 0	150 0	99 6	67 9
August . . . .	150 0	250 0	175 0	100 0	79 7	63 5
September . . . .	150 0	250 0	175 0	100 0	93 0	77 2
October . . . .	175 0	250 0	175 0	55 0	NR	NR
November . . . .	175 0	150 0	175 0	55 0	NR	NR

N.R. — Not reported.

**Stoppage of Food for Work Programme in West Bengal**

122. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of schemes under the Food for Work Programme in West Bengal have been kept in abeyance for want of foodgrains; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have so far taken to ensure the steady supply of foodgrains for the continuance of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) and (b). There is no problem in regard to the allocation of foodgrains for West Bengal. This State had an unutilised balance of 95,000 tonnes of foodgrains on 1-4-80. During 1980-81, the additional quantity allocated so far is 1 lakh tonnes. Thus the total availability of foodgrains during the current

year is 1,95,000 metric tonnes. The quantity actually utilised in the State is very much less than even 50 per cent of the allocated quantity. Hence, the question of non-availability of foodgrains does not arise and there is no reason by a large number of schemes need be kept in abeyance.

**Fixation of Procurement Price of Paddy**

123. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently fixed the procurement price of paddy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the considerations on which the procurement price of paddy has been fixed; and

(c) the reaction of the farmers with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Procurement prices of paddy for 1980-81 marketing season have been fixed at Rs. 105 per quintal for 'Common', Rs. 109 for 'Fine' and Rs. 113 for 'Superfine' varieties. These were fixed, as usual, on the basis of the recommendations made by APC and in consultation with the State Governments, and the concerned economic Ministries. In making its recommendations, the Commission had taken into account various factors including latest available data on cost of production, changes in input prices, changes in prices of competing crops, terms of trade, etc.

(c) By and large, the reaction of the farmers has been favourable.

#### **Allotment of Model Flats and Strips of Garden land by D.D.A.**

124. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA:

SHRI CHHANGUR RAM:

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of model flats and strips of garden land allotted by the D.D.A. in various colonies, giving the names of persons to whom these were allotted; and

(b) if so, the considerations on which such allotments were made by the D.D.A.?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) The DDA has reported that they do not construct or allot model flats. However, one flat in each scheme/colony is reserved as sample flat which is allotted subsequently. Also, no strip of garden land has been allotted by the DDA in any colony to anyone.

(b) There are no special considerations for the allotment of sample flats.

#### **Stock of Wheat and Sugar with F.O.I.**

125. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total stock of (i) Wheat (ii) Sugar with the Food Corporation of India as on 1st April, 1980 and as on 31st October, 1980;

(b) what was the prices of both these commodities on the above dates mentioned in part (a) above in the open market; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to bring down the prices of sugar and wheat in the open market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The stock position of wheat and sugar with the Food Corporation of India on 1st April and 1st October, 1980 (information as on 31st October, 1980 is not available as yet) is indicated below:—

(In thousands and tonne)

	As on 1-4-1980	As on 1-10-1980
(i) Wheat	3,728.4	3,193.4
(ii) Sugar	108.5	109.9

(b) A Statement giving the required information is attached.

(c) In order to bring down the prices of sugar in the open market, Government accepted a voluntary offer of the sugar industry under which the factories agreed to deliver free sale sugar at a fixed price of Rs. 450/- per quintal ex-factory exclusive of excise duty to the nominees of the State Governments for distribution to various categories of consumers. This special arrangement was made to ensure the avail-