

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND
HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN
SINGH):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The DDA has reported that the programme for construction of houses has been stepped up and construction of about 32,000 houses is in progress.

Procurement of Rice in West Bengal

130. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the quantity of rice procured by West Bengal State during the last three years:—

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):**
The following quantities of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) were procured in West Bengal during the last three years:—

Marketing season	Quantities procured (In '000 tonnes)
1977-78	245
1978-79	145
1979-80 (up to 30-9-1980)	67

Export of Rice

131. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how much rice and in what quality has been exported to other countries during the last three years;

(b) whether the rice exported to other countries is cheaper than that sold in Indian markets; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):**
(a) A statement showing export of both Basmati and non-Basmati rice during the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 is attached.

(b) and (c). Apart from the consideration of earning foreign exchange, the main factors determining the price of rice for export are the economic cost of rice and the prevailing prices of rice in international grain markets.

Statement

Export of Basmati and other than Basmati rice during the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80.

(Quantity in Metric Tons)

Year	Basmati	Other than Basmati
1977-78	10,000	42,226
1978-79	67,100	42,393
1979-80 (Provisional)	47,480	5,22,520

Setting up of Sugar Factory at Bramhavar in Dakshin Kannda

**132. SHRI JANARDHANA POO-
JARY:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to set up a sugar factory at Bramhavar in Dakshin Kannda (South Canara); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):**
(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A licence was granted on 6th November 1974 to the Dakshin Kannada Sahakara Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., for setting up a sugar factory of 1250 TCD at a suitable site in South Kannada District of Karnataka State. According to the information furnished by the Government of