

की मात्रा में कमी करके चावल की मात्रा बढ़ा दी गई है, किन्तु राशन की दुकानों के माध्यम से सप्लाई किये जा रहे चावल की किस्म काफी घटिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का प्रस्ताव राशन की दुकानों के माध्यम से अच्छी किस्म के चावल की सप्लाई हेतु निर्देश जारी करने का है ?

कृषि तथा ग्रामीण पुनर्निर्माण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्री. वी. स्वामीनाथन) : (क) जी, हां। दिल्ली में उचित दर की दुकानों के माध्यम से सप्लाई किए जाने वाले चावल की मात्रा 21-10-80 से बढ़ा दी गई है और गेहूं की मात्रा में कमी कर दी गई है। उचित दर की दुकानों के माध्यम से उचित श्रौसत किस्म का चावल सप्लाई किया जाता है।

(ख) भारतीय खाद्य निगम के लिए सबाई अनुदेश है कि वे उचित श्रौसत किस्म के अनुरूप अच्छे किस्म का चावल सप्लाई करें।

Onion purchased by NAFED

1953. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NAFED has decided to purchase onion from the farmers in various States and export the same;

(b) if so, the total purchase of onion and the average price paid to the farmers for the onion purchased;

(c) the total approximate production of onion in the country during 1980-81 season;

(d) whether it is a fact that the NAFED is channelising the Onion export through established exporters; and

(e) if so, the onion exported by NAFED on its own and through their appointed exporters during 1980 and 1981?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir, NAFED has been/is purchasing onion from the farmers through State Cooperative Marketing Federations Marketing Societies in regulated markets for domestic as well as export purposes.

(b) The details regarding purchase of onion by NAFED during the last few years in the major producing States are given below:—

Crop Year	State	Purchase in tonnes	Average Rate Rs/Tonnes
1978-79	Maharashtra	98,451	710
	Gujarat	14,993	710
	Tamil Nadu	9,000	—
	TOTAL	1,22,444	
1979-80	Maharashtra	1,89,000	520
	Gujarat	15,510	520
	Tamil Nadu	5,577	800
	TOTAL	2,10,087	

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1980-81	Maharashtra 1-7-80 to 31-10-80	23,332	510
	1-11-80 to 19-2-81	53,000	610
	Tamil Nadu	1,375	600
	TOTAL	77,707	

(c) According to the information provided by NAFED, the production of onion during 1980-81 is likely to be of the order of around 26 lakh tonnes.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The details of export undertaken by NAFED and associated shippers during the year 1980 and during January, 1981 are as under:—

Qty : In Metric Tonnes.
Valuc : Rupees in lakhs.

Year/ Month	NAFED		Associated shippers		Total	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1980 . . .	57132	861.70	89375	1495.12	146507	2356.82
January 1981	3655	45.93	8192	134.33	11847	180.26

Crop insurance in Madhya Pradesh

1954. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend the Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme to Madhya Pradesh in 1981;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether the General Insurance Corporation has agreed to take up Crop Insurance and if so, to what extent; and

(d) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have agreed to share

50 per cent of the premium due from small and marginal farmers to make this scheme for the special areas viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI P. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (d). The Government of India has circulated the Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme implemented through the General Insurance Corporation of India to all the States including Madhya Pradesh for adoption. The General Insurance Corporation has agreed to provide insurance cover under the Pilot Scheme upto a maximum of Rs. 5.5 crore, for all States. Under the on-going pilot scheme, subsidy on the premium payable by small land marginal farmers upto 50 per cent of the