

Foodgrain Production

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PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1980-81 foodgrain production is likely to fall short of the target;

(b) if so, the extent to which 1980-81 foodgrain production target is likely to fall short stating the crops that failed to hit the target and the reasons therefor;

(c) how the fall in the foodgrain production is likely to reflect the country's food-grain stock;

(d) whether it is also a fact that some States were not cooperating with the Centre for selling the grain to the Government;

(e) if so, what were the States and what action was taken against them; and

(f) what is the position today?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: (a) and (b). According to the assessment made by the Ministry of Agriculture, foodgrain production may fall short of 135 million tonnes target by about 1.5 per cent. However, in view of the severe drought conditions in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and hailstorms

in Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh; the State Governments reported some shortfalls in production mainly in pulses and rice. These are being examined in consultation with them.

(c) The deficiency in relation to targetted production is not likely to affect the overall stock position of foodgrains significantly.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Does not arise.

Milk Requirement by D.M.S.

152. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH: SHRI P. K. KODIYAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Milk Scheme has been receiving fresh milk from its feeding centre far less than the requirement to meet its demand and that the Scheme is facing closure;

(b) if so, to what extent D.M.S. has been receiving its fresh milk requirements from the feeding centres as against the demand during the last six months or so;

(c) the extent to which D.M.S. dependency on the other sources such as dry milk powder rose for the production of milk as a result of (b) above;

(d) the loss incurred by D.M.S. during 1980-81 as compared to the loss incurred during 1979-80; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). The quantities of fresh milk received by Delhi Milk Scheme in relation to the commitments made