

Statement

(A) *Names of blocks covered under Small Farmers Development Agency/ Marginal Farmers Agricultural Labourers Agency, Keonjhar, (Orissa).*

1. Anandpur
2. Bansapal
3. Champua
4. Ghasipura
5. Ghatagaon
6. Harichandanpur
7. Hatadihi
8. Jhumpura
9. Joda
10. Keonjhargarh
11. Patna
12. Saharapada
13. Telkei

(B) Identification and coverage

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| (i) No. of persons to be identified (from 1970-71 and 1978-79). | 50,000 |
| (ii) No. of persons identified | 41,622 |
| (iii) No. of persons assisted. | 10,922 |

Production of Foodgrains

1157. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of food-grain during the last 5 years including the current year;

(b) the reasons for import of wheat this year; and

(c) is it a fact that private traders were allowed to buy wheat for hoarding this year while the Food Corporation of India under instructions remained a silent spectator?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Estimated production of foodgrains during the years 1976-77 to 1979-80 is as under:—

YEARS	(QUANTITY IN MILLION TONNES)
1976-77	111.17
1977-78	126.41
1978-79	131.90
1979-80	108.85
1980-81	133 00
(Provisional, Final estimate is yet to be made)	

(b) Import of wheat is being made to build up the buffer stocks as a measure of national food security and to combat the pressure on prices and machination of traders and hoarders.

(c) No, Sir.

Prospects of Kharif Crops

1158. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the prospects of Kharif crops in different States this year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). It is as yet too early to give an assessment of prospects of Kharif crops in the current year. However, the rainfall from 1st June upto 19th August has been normal or in excess of the normal in all parts of the country except some parts of North