

Procurement of Foodgrain

2140. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Grain-procurement in various state Governments was not satisfactory during the year 1980-81 season;

(b) what were the total production of foodgrains in each state during 1980-81 season and the expected procurement target of each state during 1980-81 season;

(c) the efforts the Union Government have taken to reach the targets of procurement of foodgrain in the various state;

(d) whether it is a fact that the traders have sold their own stocks to the State Governments at higher prices; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the foodgrains purchased in open market will be costlier to the consumers, if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) While the procurement of rice during the marketing season (October—December 1980) has been very satisfactory, the procurement of wheat was 64.96 lakh tonnes against a target of 95 lakh tonnes envisaged. Although the quantity of wheat procured may be short of the target, it is higher than last year.

(b) Estimates of foodgrain production for 1980-81 are still tentative and are placed at 56 million tonnes of rice and 36 million tonnes of wheat. No targets for rice were fixed for the current marketing season. However, State-wise targets of wheat procurement had been

fixed for the marketing season (1981-82) as given under:—

(in lakh tonnes)

State	Target
1. Punjab	47.00
2. Haryana	17.00
3. Uttar Pradesh	25.00
4. Rajasthan	1.00
5. Madhya Pradesh	2.00
6. Bihar	1.50
7. Gujarat	1.00
8. Maharashtra	0.50
ALL-INDIA	95.00

(c) The Government, as in the past, had made elaborate arrangements for the maximum procurement of foodgrains. This includes necessary financial arrangements, credit facilities, supply of gunny bags, establishment of extensive net work of purchase centres etc.

(d) No such report has come to Government's notice.

(e) While the issue price of foodgrains from the public distribution system to the consumers are uniform throughout the country, the ruling open market prices of foodgrains depend on the principle of demand and supply operating in the different markets, and could on occasions be higher than the issue price of Central Pool stocks.

दिल्ली विडियाघर के कर्मचारियों को
मकान किराया भत्ता

2141. श्री मनो राम बागडी :
क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली विडियाघर में काम करने वाले 50 कर्मचारियों को मकान किराया भत्ता नहीं देती; और

(ख) क्या सरकार उनको मकान किराया भत्ता देने के बारे पर विचार करेगी; यदि हाँ, तो कब तक ?