

(b) The prices of onion started declining.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) is having a storage capacity of 7,500 M.T. of its own for onions in Maharashtra. NAFED is also hiring Chawls in Maharashtra to make storage arrangements for surplus produce of farmers. When stocks are moved to different terminal markets for supply to consumers, storage is, at times, arranged by NAFED by hiring godowns.

#### Inter-state Movements of Foodgrains

2475. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY  
SHRI R. N. RAKESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued instructions to the State Governments to restrict the movement of foodgrains to other States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Minister of Civil Supplies Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for relaxing the restriction on movement of foodgrains imposed;

(c) whether due to restrictions in movement of foodgrains there will be great difference in prices from State to State which will encourage smuggling, as a result farmers in surplus States will not get remunerative price and consumers in deficit States will have to pay high price; and

(d) if so, whether Government are prepared to remove all the restrictions and instruct the State

Governments not to impose any restrictions on the movement of foodgrains from State to State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION: (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (d). No, Sir, except to the extent that the State Governments were advised to restrict movement of paddy outside their States in order to maximise procurement.

(b) and (c). With the approval of Central Government, Government of Andhra Pradesh have imposed levy on movement of paddy outside the State. Such a course was considered necessary to ensure that levy is not evaded by large scale movement of paddy outside the State. As movement of rice is not restricted from State to State, it is not expected that there will be any undue rise in prices.

#### अप्पर सकरो जलाशय योजना

2476. श्री रीतलाल प्रसाद वर्मा :  
क्या सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या बिहार के गिरिडोह जिले में अप्पर सकरो जलाशय योजना पर निर्माण कार्य शीघ्र आरम्भ होने की सम्भावना है ;

(ख) क्या इस योजना पर छोटा नागपुर का विकास शीर्ष के अन्तर्गत 68 करोड़ रुपये की राशि खर्च की जायेगी तथा इस जलाशय के निर्माण के फलस्वरूप गांव न थाने के 47 गांवों और सतगांव न थाने के 13 गांवों तथा 20 हजार एकड़ कृषि भूमि के डूब जाने की सम्भावना है ;