

(c) Purchases have been made from nine US Grain firms whose names appeared in the approved list of United States Department of Agriculture. Supply Wing of the Indian Embassy in Washington was fully associated with the deal.

(d) Yes, Sir. Quality of wheat shipped from USA is inspected by the US Federal/State Inspectors at the time of loading, under the overall supervision of the US Federal Grain Inspection Service. As a measure of abundant caution, we have also deputed our technical staff to USA to oversee the inspection work on shipments for India.

Food for Work Programme in Andhra Pradesh

4736. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of wheat and rice allotted to Andhra Pradesh Food for Work Programme during the period from April, 1981 to November, 1981;

(b) the quantity actually delivered;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sent any proposal for allotment of more quantity of wheat and rice for the remaining months of current financial year;

(d) if so, the quantity asked for; and

(e) the decision taken by Government on the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) A quantity of 15,750 MTs of rice was allotted to Andhra Pradesh for implementation of National Rural Employment Programme earlier called

as Food for Work Programme during the current year.

(b) The State Government are reported to have lifted a total quantity of 11875 MTs of rice so far.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Does not arise.

Low procurement price for Wheat and Rice

4737. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed low prices for procurement of paddy and wheat this year;

(b) whether this will lead to import of more foodgrains and result in shortage supply of foodgrain for public distribution and the National Rural Employment Programme Scheme (NREP); and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. Import of wheat has been undertaken mainly for augmenting the reserves with the Government. During the 1981-82 wheat marketing season, a quantity of 6.6 million tonnes was procured upto 11th December, 1981 as against 5.9 million tonnes procured during the corresponding period of last year. Out of 1981-82 kharif crop, a quantity of 3.6 million tonnes of rice has been procured upto 17th December, 1981 as against 3.3 million tonnes procured

during the corresponding period of last year. Further, to ensure sufficient procurement of kharif cereals Government has streamlined and strengthened the levy system and advised the State Governments to prevent leakage of procurement levies. The Food Corporation of India and State procurement agencies have also strengthened the purchase arrangements.

Residential colonies in Delhi provided with Government accommodation

4738. SHRI V. S. VIJAY RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Government residential colonies where residential flats over shops have been allotted to Government employees;

(b) the category of those flats;

(c) whether it is a fact that in colonies like Srinivaspuri etc minimum required amenities have not been provided in such flats; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) Srinivaspuri, Andrews Ganj, R. K. Puram, Nanakpura, Kidwai Nagar and Lancer Road.

(b) Type C&D.

(c) Minimum amenities such as electricity, water supply and sewerage system have been provided.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of dry farming research station at Palani (Tamil Nadu)

4739. SHRI A. SENAPATHY GOUNDER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a Dry Farming Research

Station at Palani and Vedasendur in Madurai District in Tamil Nadu as the annual rain fall is very low there; and

(b) if not, what are the other steps taken for the benefits of agriculturists in Palani in Tamil Nadu which is a most backward area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the problem of Dryland Agriculture, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is operating a centre at Kovilpatti in Tamil Nadu State. This centre is conducting the research work on the regional problems of Madurai, Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli districts of Tamil Nadu State. As a result of research work carried out so far at this centre suitable dryland technology has been evolved and recommended for adoption in the region. The package of dryland technology includes suitable crops and varieties, dryland agronomy, efficient use of rain water and fertilizers.

Transfer of Deputy Director/Director in Central Water Commission

4740. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria laid down by Government for transfer of Deputy Directors and Directors of the Central Water Commission from one Station to another Station;

(b) whether it is fact that in a number of cases the above criteria have not been followed strictly in Delhi while transferring the Deputy Directors/Directors of the Central Water Commission;

(c) if so, the number of Deputy Directors and Directors (including their period as Deputy Directors) of the