

**Introduction of crop insurance scheme**

3390. SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU MALLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to introduce crop insurance to dry crops, drought-prone areas;

(b) if so, whether Government have invited the suggestions of the States also in this regard; and

(c) if so, the names of such States as have agreed or taken steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The present Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme being operated by the General Insurance Corporation of India is common for irrigated, unirrigated and drought prone areas. The rate of premium and non-indemnifiable limit vary for irrigated and unirrigated areas. The

scheme is being operated on experimental basis only in the areas having premium rates not exceeding 5 per cent and non-indemnifiable limit not exceeding 30 per cent.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of answer to (a).

**Foodgrain and sugar supplied to Kerala**

3391. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the quantity of rice, wheat and sugar allotted to Kerala to be distributed through ration shops for the years from 1976 to 1981 giving the year-wise details; and

(b) what is the quantity proposed to be allotted for 1982?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI): (a) The required information is as under:—

(In '000 tonns)

| Year | Rice   | Wheat | Sugar    |
|------|--------|-------|----------|
| 1976 | 902.0  | 389.0 | 85.308   |
| 1977 | 1502.5 | 207.0 | 90.438   |
| 1978 | 1620.0 | 120.0 | 83.960*  |
| 1979 | 1620.0 | 120.8 | 10.495** |
| 1980 | 1620.0 | 102.0 | 125.940  |
| 1981 | 1575.0 | 48.8  | 125.940  |

\*upto August only

\*\*From 17-12-79 to 31-12-79

(There was no sugar allocation during 16.8.78 to 16.12.79 due to decontrol of sugar.)

(b) *Foodgrains*: The Government of Kerala have been allotted rice and wheat for public distribution system at the rate of 90,000 tonnes and 4,000 tonnes respectively per month from

January to March, 1982. Allotments of foodgrains are made on a month to month basis taking into consideration the overall availability of foodgrains in the Central pool, relative needs of