

business professions etc. are eligible to purchase DDA plots through foreign exchange;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) if the answer is in affirmative, what is the procedure adopted by Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND
HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN
SINGH):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to existing policy, all residential plots having an area of more than 200 sq. yds. are disposed of through public auction. For this purpose, public notices are given through press by the DDA from time to time.

**Achievement of Wheat Procurement
target in U.P. despite adverse natural
calamities**

9612. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite abnormal rains, hail and storms during the month of March, 1982, U.P. State is likely to achieve its wheat target of 135 lakh tonnes in the current month;

(b) if so, whether the same position is in regard to the other wheat growing States;

(c) if so, whether all the wheat producing States have forwarded their assessment about the total damage caused to wheat due to the rains;

(d) if so, whether any assessment has been made as to how much wheat will be produced by wheat producing States during 1982;

(e) whether in view of encouraging assessment sent by the States concerned the wheat production position is comfortable; and

(f) if so, what is the actual production achieved so far?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V.
SWAMINATHAN):** (a) to (f). According to the information received so far, the States of Madhya Pradesh, U.P., Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Bihar have been affected in varying degrees due to heavy rains and hailstorms during the period January to April, 1982. The affected States have not indicated losses specifically caused to wheat crop. The harvesting of wheat is currently in progress and firm estimates of wheat production would be available in due course. The present assessment indicates that most of the wheat growing States including Uttar Pradesh would achieve the targets of wheat production fixed by them for 1981-82. It is likely that with the expected production currently assessed at about 37.5 million tonnes the supply situation would be comfortable.

**Implementation of National Rural
Employment Programme**

9613. SHRI B. V. DESAI:

SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central has warned the State Government that immediate steps must be taken to rectify serious shortcomings in implementation of the National Rural Employment Programme;

(b) if so, whether action will be taken against the States which do not follow the directive in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that non-lifting of foodgrains, poor distribution of resources and lack of preparation of shelf of projects, are among the lacuna described at the State level in this regard;

(d) the names of the States and Union Territories to whom this directive has been issued; and

(e) when was this directive issued and the action taken by them in this regard?