

Supply of Wheat to U.P.

5. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of wheat by the Government of U.P. month-wise from September 1982 to January, 1983;

(b) the supply of wheat to that State as against the demand; and

(c) if the demand has not been met fully, the reason for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) and (b). The quantities of wheat demanded by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and actual allotments and offtake from the Central Pool from September, 1982 to January, 1983 were as under:—

(In thousand tonnes)

	Quantity demanded	Quantity allotted	Actual offtake
September, 1982	125.0	68.0	53.1
October, 1982	125.0	60.0	50.6
November, 1982	125.0	70.0	53.7
December, 1982	125.0	70.0	73.4
January, 1983	150.0	80.0	17.4
		(upto 15-1-83)	

(c) Allotment of wheat to the various states including Uttar Pradesh is made on a month to month basis, having regard to the overall availability of wheat in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various states, market availability and other related factors. Allocations from the Central Pool are supplemental in nature to the normal open market availability.

FCI Godown in Nalanda District of Bihar

6. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a constant demand for the construction of FCI godown in Nalanda District in Bihar;

(b) are Government aware that due to non-existence of such godown, people of Nalanda District are facing a lot of difficulties; and

(c) if so, when Government are going to sanction funds for the construction of FCI godown in Nalanda District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) to (c). Government are not aware of any such demand and nor of any difficulty on this account. The Food Corporation of India maintains large buffer depots for storage of foodgrains for distribution to the State Government and such depots are located at suitable points keeping in view operational requirements. The Corporation at present supplies the foodgrain requirements of the public distribution system for this area from nearby depots at Mokameh in Patna district. The responsibility for public distribution and operating godowns at convenient sub-distribution points in Bihar is that of the State Government.