

on fiscal and institutional aspects of promoting private housing activity and to introduce necessary amendments to the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act.

(c) Steps have been taken to increase the supply of developed land and housing through the development authorities and housing agencies. The Urban land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 is in force in the Union Territories. Fiscal measures have been introduced to prevent speculation in urban land. The subject is being monitored as a part of the 20-Point Programme.

Anticipated Shortfall in Production of Foodgrains

146. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the anticipated shortfall in the production of foodgrains in 1982 because of prolonged drought, inadequate and uneven rains and floods in various parts of the country;

(b) what is anticipated shortfall in the supply and demand position of foodgrains due to shortfall in production; and

(c) the manner in which the shortfall in the production of foodgrains as also the demand are proposed to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The shortfall in production of foodgrains during the kharif 1982 because of prolonged drought, inadequate and uneven rains and floods in various parts of the country is currently anticipated to be 8 to 10 million tonnes as compared to the last year's level. However, a vigorous production drive launched during the current rabi is expected to result in a record production, thereby reducing the shortfall.

(b) and (c) Under the Food Management System adopted by the country, the 3092 LS—8

Government maintains a foodgrains reserve including the operational requirements of the public distribution system and some bufferstock. This reserve is augmented with internal procurement and, whenever necessary with imported grain. To augment the bufferstock, Government had contracted about 3.95 million tonnes of wheat imports in the past few months, out of which nearly 0.8 million tonnes were received by the end of 1982 and the remaining quantities are being received. Government is making regular allocations every month to various States in order to meet the requirements of the Public Distribution System.

खाद्यान्न का आयात

147. श्री चन्द्रपाल सैलानी :

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पाण्डे :

श्री नारायण चौबे :

श्री शंभु भाई पटेल :

क्या खाद्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में खाद्यान्नों की कमी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह कमी पूरी करने के लिए सरकार अन्य देशों से खाद्यान्न आयात करेगी; और

(ग) किन देशों से कितनी-कितनी मात्रा में खाद्यान्न आयात किया जाना है?

खाद्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री भागवत शा आजाद) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) बफर स्टॉक बनाने के उद्देश्य से और मूल्यों पर दबाव को रोकने के उपाय के रूप में, 1982-83 के दौरान संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका से कुल 39.50 लाख मी० टन गेहूं का आयात करने का ठेका किया गया है ।