

### Allotment by D.D.A. of Staff Quarters to Engineers

148. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that D.D.A. has allotted staff quarters to Engineers during the last five years; and

(b) if so, the number and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last five years the DDA has made the following allotments to engineers:

Type II—IV	31
Type V	125
Type VI	2
Type VII	2
Total	160

### Kharif Harvest Prospects

149. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shortfall in the Kharif harvest on a modest estimate has been around 30 p.c.;

(b) whether millions in large tracts are facing famine and the prospects of the rabi crops were grim with inadequate moisture in soil in the drought affected areas;

(c) whether three Northern States which account for 20 p.c. of the Kharif production are among the worst hit and the remaining States where floods, cyclone and delayed monsoon have affected the rabi and kharif crops; and

(d) whether any estimate has been made as to how much shortfall had been in kharif and rabi crops, whether situation became worse due to less rain in December, 1982 and January, 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir. According to preliminary assessment, the shortfall in kharif production over last year may be 10 to 12.5 per cent.

(b) No, Sir. The prospects of rabi crops during 1982-83 in most of the States are favourable. In some regions, however, the rabi prospects have been adversely affected by drought or deficient rainfall.

(c) No, Sir. Punjab, Haryana and West Uttar Pradesh account for about 20 per cent of kharif foodgrain production. Of these States, Punjab, Haryana and West Uttar Pradesh have not suffered much damage in view of the availability of irrigation over a large area. In East Uttar Pradesh and certain other States, crops have been affected by floods, cyclones, delayed monsoons. The overall rabi prospects in the country appear to be favourable.

(d) While there has been shortfall in kharif foodgrains production, rabi production, despite inadequate rain in some regions in December, 1982 and January, 1983, is likely to be higher than last year. The overall shortfall during the crop year 1982-83 is likely to be in the range of 5 to 8 million tonnes over the previous year.

### Crisis in Sugar Industry

150. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:  
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:  
SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA:  
SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether widespread sickness in the sugar industry is due to the pegging of