

Import of Wheat

223. SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA:

SHRI RAM LAL RAHI:

SHRI R. L. BHATIA:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to import wheat and if so, the full details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per recent Government claims, the wheat production has reached all time high; and

(c) if so, the reasons for import of wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) and (c). Yes, Sir. A total quantity of 39,50 lakh tonnes of wheat at FOB cost of US dollars 654.778 million has been contracted for import from USA for shipment during September, 1982, to May, 1983, with a view to building up buffer stocks and as a measure for combating pressure on prices.

(b) During the year 1981-82, there was a record production of wheat in the country estimated at 37.8 million tonnes. Estimates of production for the current year 1982-83 are not yet available.

Failure of Agriculture Research and Development due to DG, ICAR

224. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the DG, ICAR is also Chairman of its Governing Body contrary to all managerial norms and he thus assesses and evaluates his own work and performance; and

(b) whether it has any effect on Agriculture R and D and imports?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, is the Chairman of the Governing Body of ICAR, which controls the functions and policies of the Council. But G.B.'s decisions are not necessarily D.G.'s decisions. The decisions/proceedings of the Governing Body are approved for implementation by the Union Minister of Agriculture who is the President of ICAR Society. Director General is thus aware of not only the considerations under which G.B.'s decisions are taken but is also responsible to implement these decisions.

(b) No, Sir, but it does improve the implementation of the research education programmes of the Council.

Break up of Indian/Foreign Breed Cattle

225. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the break-up of the number of cattle of Indian breed and foreign breed in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): As per the Livestock Census (1977), the total number of cattle in India is 180.14 millions. The Census did not provide break-up of the number of cattle of Indian breeds and foreign breeds in the country.

गन्ने के सांविधिक न्यूनतम मूल्य के कम मूल्य पर अदायगी

226. श्री बी० डी० सिंह :

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :

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

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि कुछ राज्यों में चीनी मिलें चालू वर्ष में गन्ने का मूल्य पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में कम दे रही हैं ;