

### Production and Import of Rice

69. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is record wheat crop about 40 m.t. ;
- (b) whether there is shortfall in the production of rice ;
- (c) if not, what was the quantity of rice imported or planned to be imported ; and
- (d) the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. There has been a record wheat production of 41.6 million tonnes during 1982-83.

(b) Yes, Sir. There has been a short-fall to the extent of 7.8 million tonnes in the production of rice during 1982-83 as compared to the previous year's level of production.

(c) and (d). Government have contracted the import of 1.2 lakh tonnes of rice from Burma and Thailand during the current year to augment the available stocks.

### Proposal to Import Agricultural Commodities

70. SHRI R.N. RAKESH :  
SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per Gov-

ernment's calculation, normal kharif production is likely to take place (Times of India dated 24.6.83) ;

(b) whether Government have made plans for imports of any of agricultural produce such as rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds, milk products etc. and if so, reasons thereof ; and

(c) what is the total value of imports of agriculture produce and from which countries and the value of exports for last three years and projections for the coming year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Given the normal monsoon conditions in the weeks to come, kharif production during 1983 is likely to be normal.

(b) During 1983-84, a quantity of 1.20 lakh tonnes of rice has been contracted for import from Thailand and Burma. There has been no purchase of oilseeds and milk products from abroad on Government account. Import of pulses is, however, on Open General Licence. The Government goes in for imports of these commodities from abroad as and when considered necessary and feasible.

(c) Statements No. I and II indicating information in regard to import and export of wheat and rice on the Government account during the last three years are attached. It is not possible to give any projection of imports and exports of these commodities, as these depend on a number of factors such as production within the country, domestic requirements, general price trend etc.

## Statement-I

Statement indicating quantity and value of wheat and rice imported during last three years.

Year	Commodity	Quantity purchased (Lakh tonnes)	Estimated value (FOB)
1980-81	Wheat	Nil	Nil
	Rice	Nil	Nil
1981-82	Wheat	15.15 (from U. S. A.)	US\$ 262.066 million
		7.50 (from Australia)	A\$ 118.600 million
	Rice	Nil	Nil
1982-83	Wheat	39.50 (from U. S. A.)	US\$ 654.778 million
	Rice	Nil	Nil

## Statement-II

Statement indicating quantity and value of wheat and rice (non-Basmati) exported through Food Corporation of India on Government account during last three years.

(Quantity in '000 tonnes)  
(Value in lakhs)

Commodity	1980-81		1981-82		1982-83	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Wheat						
(Loan basis)	57.91	*	Nil	Nil	104.07	*
(Commercial basis)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Rice						
(Loan basis)	48.3	*	1.7	*	4.0	*
(Commercial basis)	116.9	Rs. 3203.65	331.3	Rs. 11020.29	347.4	Rs. 12856.28

\*Being Commodity Loan, value not indicated.

This does not include quantity of Wheat/Rice exported either as gift or to the World Food Programme on loan basis.