

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN)**

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) On the request of the State Government, a Central team visited the districts of Belgaum, Bijapur, Uttar Kannada, Dakshin Kannada and Shimoga in Karnataka between 5th-9th September, 1983 and met the Chief Minister and held discussion with the State Government officials.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) On the basis of the report of the Central team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief, the Government of India have sanctioned a ceiling of assistance of Rs. 329.34 lakhs to the Government of Karnataka only for relief and rehabilitation.

**Reviewing of Policy Regarding Creation and
Operation of Buffer Stock of Foodgrains**

1026. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have decided to review the policy regarding the creation and operation of food-grain buffer stocks in the light of the experience in food management during the last few years;

(b) whether the recommendations made by all concerned agencies including ministries in this regard have been considered by Government;

(c) if so, whether the procurement and distribution of foodgrains and their imports following new guidelines from the next financial year have not been considered so far;

(d) whether at present the procurement of foodgrains and the maintenance of the stocks are done in accordance with the policy laid down by the Juneja Committee in 1977;

(e) if so, whether Government are considering to revise the same; and

(f) if so, when the final decision in regard to this is likely to be taken ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES
(SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) :**

(a), (b) (c) and (f) Yes, Sir. The Technical Group on buffer stocking policy of foodgrains constituted by the Government in 1981 has submitted its Report and the same is currently under the consideration of the Government;

(d) Yes, Sir, the present buffer stocking policy is based on the recommendations of the Juneja Committee in 1977.

**Food Production VIS-A-VIS Consumption
of Fertilisers**

1027. SHRI A. K. Roy : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) per acre yield of foodgrain, i. e. wheat and paddy in different States and the national average for the last three years;

(b) consumption of fertiliser per acre in different States for the same period;

(c) whether there is direct relationship between the fertiliser consumption and per acre production; and

(d) if so, facts in details ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY, OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD
KHAN) :** (a) As per statement-I.

(b) As per statement-II.

(c) and (d) Experimental studies have generally revealed a high degree of correlation between yields and fertiliser consumption, but the influence of other factors such as irrigation, wether conditions, pest control etc. is also very important. It is not possible to segregate the effect of fertiliser alone on productivity.