

**Establishment of an Agricultural University in Gujarat.**

1187. SHRI JADEJA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish an Agricultural University in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Legislature has already passed a Bill for the establishment of an Agricultural University in the State. Details of the project are awaited.

**Demand of fertiliser from Gujarat**

1188. SHRI JADEJA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total demand of Gujarat State for fertilizer;

(b) the demand met by the Centre; and

(c) the steps taken to help the State to meet the full demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) :

(a) The Gujarat Government indicated the following fertiliser requirements for 1970-71 in terms of plant nutrient :

(figures in tonnes)

N	P	K
90,000	36,400	6,000

(b) Normally, the entire requirements of N and  $P_2O_5$  of Gujarat are met by the domestic manufacturers, mainly Gujarat State Fertiliser Company and that of  $K_2O$  by Indian Potash Supply Agency (now Indian Potash Ltd.). However, due to shortfall in production in the Gujarat

State Fertiliser Company, the State Government requested the Government of India to supply the following quantities from the Central Fertiliser Pool for the year 1970-71 :

(figures in tonnes)

	N	P	K
CAN	6,700	1742	—
Urea	20,000	9,200	—
DAP	10,000	1,800	4,600
Total	12,742	4,600	—

The State Government, however, furnished despatch instructions for 774 tonnes of urea only and this quantity was duly supplied; for the balance quantity they did not give any despatch instructions. Requirements of CAN were met in full, but supply of DAP fell below their requirement because of limited availability of stocks with the Pool. In short, the actual supply made by the Central Fertiliser Pool is indicated below :

(Figures in tonnes)

	N	P	K
CAN	8404	2185	—
Urea	774	356	—
DAP	4872	877	2241
Total	3418	2241	—

The total fertiliser consumption of the State during 1970-71 was as follows :

(figures in tonnes)

N	P	K
74,097	46,713	6,762

(c) The requirement of the State for 1971-72 and the supplies to be made from the Central Fertiliser Pool were assessed in the Zonal Conference held on 29.4.1971 and steps are being taken to meet the full requirement of the State from the Pool.