

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) Rs. 490.88 lakhs.

(b) Nil.

(c) Grant Rs. 276.87 lakhs.

Loan Rs. 214.01 lakhs.

*Clearance of Wheat Stocks procured for the Central Pool*

1862. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Haryana have requested the Central Government to arrange for the immediate clearance of wheat stocks procured in the State for the Central pool ;

(b) whether the State Government have emphasised that unless the stocks are cleared they are likely to be damaged ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not clearing the stocks in time and the steps taken to clear them ?

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

(c) It is not operationally feasible that almost the entire quantity of wheat procured in Haryana during the short and peak period (May and June) can be cleared simultaneously. The maximum possible quantity of wheat is being moved from Haryana by rail and road, both. Also, adequate steps have been taken to provide maximum possible storage accommodation in Haryana to store such quantity of wheat as cannot be readily cleared. The Haryana Government have also been requested to assist in this matter.

*Mechanical Components for complete Lift-Irrigation Unit*

1863. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there are many defects in the methods adopted by Indian farmers in choosing the various mechanical components for a complete lift-irrigation unit ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The farmers, sometimes, in the absence of adequate technical guidance, do select material or equipment of specifications not ideally suited to their respective local conditions.

(b) The steps taken by the Government include :

(i) Suitable strengthening of State Technical organisations and institutional agencies for providing custom service in boring and drilling and technical guidance to the cultivators in proper design of works and selection of right type of material and equipment.

(ii) Maintaining departmental stock of material and equipment of appropriate specifications for sale to the farmers ; and

(iii) Providing technical guidance to the farmers through pamphlets in simple local languages, showing films, radio broadcast, telecast etc.

*Production of Cereals in 1970*

1864. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) India's production of cereals in 1970 ; and

(b) how it compares with the production in other Asian Countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) According to the All-India Final Estimates, production of cereals in India during