

laya, Tripura and Bihar. The State-wise distribution is as under :—

	(Persons)
West Bengal	12 98 lakhs
Assam	0 49 „
Meghalaya	1.66 „
Tripura	3 03 „
Bihar	0 03 „
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(c) As it is expected that these refugees will go back to their homes as soon as normal conditions are available. Government does not propose to take any action for their rehabilitation in India

(d) Yes. The Government of India have sent an appeal to all foreign Governments seeking their help in solving this colossal human problem. Some assistance both in cash and in kind has been received from some International Voluntary Organisations. A delegation from UNHCR has also visited the refugee camps and has made an assessment of the situation and the needs. The quantum of foreign assistance that may be forthcoming, is however, still not known.

(e) The actual expenditure incurred is not available as most of the expenditure is incurred by the State Governments to be eventually reimbursed by the Government of India. A sum of Rs. 6 crores 80 lakhs has been sanctioned to the concerned State Governments etc. as 'on account advances' upto 24.5.1971 for expenditure on relief and Rs. 800 lakhs advanced to the Food Corporation of India for procurement of food grains for these refugees.

Abolition of Land Revenue in States

500. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Punjab Government has recently abolished land revenue ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ; and

(c) whether Government propose to impress upon other States to abolish land revenue in order to give incentive to farmers for increasing food production in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) Government of Punjab have taken a decision to abolish land revenue. The decision has not yet been implemented.

(b) and (c). Land Revenue is a State subject.

Import of Foodgrains

501. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :
SHRI R. S. PANDEY :
SHRI K. S. CHAVDA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the total likely production of wheat and other food-grains in the country during the current year, and the steps taken to boost production of foodgrains ;

(b) the total quantity of foodgrains imported from U.S.A and other countries during the last year and likely imports during the current year ; and

(c) whether Government have decided to stop import of foodgrains either from U.S.A. or from any other country and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) Firm estimates of production of wheat and other food-grains during 1970-71 are not yet available. According to the available indications, total production of foodgrains

during 1970-71 may be of the order of 105 to 106 million tonnes.

The principal measures adopted for increasing food production include introduction of high-yielding varieties, multi-cropping programmes, increased use of fertilizers, larger scale and integrated pest control measures, improvement of irrigation facilities, supply of better seeds and agricultural implements and credit to the farmers and grant of incentives for better production.

(b) About 3.6 million tonnes of food-grains were imported from U.S.A. and other countries during 1970. Foodgrain imports in 1971 may be about 3.0 to 3.5 million tonnes.

(c) It is envisaged that concessional imports of foodgrains would be stopped after 1971.

कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों का सम्मेलन

502. श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गत वर्ष जालन्धर में और अप्रैल, 1971 में पन्त नगर (उत्तर प्रदेश) में कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों के सम्मेलन में कुछ मांगें रखी गई थीं :

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन मांगों का स्वरूप क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार उन मांगों को पूरी करने में क्या कठिनाई अनुभव कर रही है ?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा साहिब पी० शिन्दे) : (क) जी हां। कृषि विश्व विद्यालयों के संघ ने लुधियाना (न कि जालन्धर) और पन्त नगर में हुए दो समागमों में कुछ मांगें प्रस्तुत की थीं।

(ख) ये मांगें प्रशासकीय हैं और अधिकांशतः इनका सम्बन्ध कृषि विश्व विद्यालयों के विकास के लिए वित्तीय सहायता बढ़ाने और

ऐसी सहायता देने के लिए अपनाई गई पद्धति से सम्बन्धित हैं। कुछ मांगों का सम्बन्ध कृषि विश्व विद्यालयों की अनुसन्धान तथा विस्तार विषयक उत्तरदायित्वों से भी है।

(ग) संघ को यह आश्वासन दिया गया है कि सरकार समस्त कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों को यथासम्भव अधिक से अधिक सहायता देने को उत्सुक है। इन मांगों को पूरी करने में मुख्य कठिनाई देश के विभिन्न प्लान परियोजनाओं के लिये कुल मिलाकर वित्तीय संसाधनों की अपर्याप्तता रही है। परन्तु, सरकार कृषि विश्व विद्यालयों की मांगों पर सदा ही सहानुभूतिपूर्वक विचार करती है। कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों की विकास परियोजना को उचित प्राथमिकता दी गई है।

Increase in Procurement Price of Wheat

503. SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to increase the procurement price of wheat ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a). No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Meeting of Central Land Reforms Committee

504. SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA :
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Land Reforms Committee met in April, 1971 ; and