

Working of Public Sector Steel Plants and Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

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Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have ordered a study in depth into the working of the public sector steel plants and Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi ,

(b) if so, when the study report is expected to be ready , and

(c) whether a copy of each of the report will be laid on the Table ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANIRI) (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) (a). No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

Procurement and Handling of Foodgrains

562. SHRI S. R. DAMANI. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the quantities of wheat and rice procured during 1970-71 and the cost thereof ;

(b) the present position of buffer stocks and the demands to be met from States ;

(c) the profit or loss on account of procurement and handling of foodgrains and how it compares with the previous two years' working figures ; and

(d) in case of loss, the reasons for the same and whether they are similar to the reasons in previous years and if so, why they were not rectified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a). The quantities and values of wheat and rice procured by the Food Corporation of India during 1970-71 are given below :-

Grain	Quantity procured (in lakh tonnes)	Value in crores of rupees
<i>Indigenous procurement</i>		
Wheat	31.36	272.85
Rice	25.79	265.59
<i>Imports</i>		
Wheat	22.85	140.44
Rice	3.15	23.82

The procurement of wheat and rice by State Governments and other agencies on their behalf was :

	Figures in lakh tonnes
Wheat	0.56
Rice	5.95

Information about the cost of procurement by the State Governments and other agencies is not available.

(b) The total stock of foodgrains both with the Central and the State Governments at the end of April 1971 amounted to about 5.5 million tonnes. Of this, about 2 million tonnes can be considered as operational stock and the balance of 3.5 million tonnes as buffer stock.

The demands of the States for foodgrains from the Central pool keep varying from month to month depending upon the open