

indiscipline by the students. The Vice-Chancellor has already published a detailed account of the reasons which led to the closure of the University. A copy of the report is being laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The resumption of teaching in the University has already commenced in a phased manner from October 5, in the Faculty of Medical Sciences, and from November 8, for Research and Post-graduate courses in the Faculties for Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Agriculture, Commerce, Law, Music and Fine Arts. A decision regarding resumption of teaching in other classes and Faculties is likely to be taken by the University soon.

Chief Minister's Conference held in Delhi during October, 1971

71. SHRI RAM SHEKHAR PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI C. JANARDHANAN :
SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the main subjects discussed by the State Chief Ministers in their meeting held in October, 1971 and with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : In the Conference held on 13th October, 1971, the Chief Ministers reviewed the Kharif food policy and price policy for 1971-72 season in the light of the recommendations of the Agricultural Prices Commission with particular reference to :

- (i) Target of procurement for Kharif cereals ;
- (ii) Procurement prices for Kharif cereals ; and
- (iii) Inter-State movement restrictions on foodgrains.

They also reviewed the public distribution system and the measures for extending its scope

The following recommendations were made by the Conference on the above :

- (1) Even though it was felt that in view of crop being affected by drought and floods in some parts of the country, the target of 43 million tonnes of rice recommended by A.P.C. is somewhat high, it was agreed to make all possible efforts to achieve the same.
- (2) No target was fixed for coarse Kharif grains. All quantities of coarse grains offered by cultivators and falling within prescribed specifications will be purchased at the procurement prices.
- (3) It was decided that the present inter-State movement restrictions on rice should continue.
- (4) It was generally agreed that the procurement prices of all Kharif cereals, viz., paddy, rice and coarse grains should continue at the last year's level. Marginal adjustments in price of paddy/rice could be considered in the case of J and K, Tamil Nadu and Orissa as recommended by A.P.C.
- (5) It was decided that immediate steps will be taken to strengthen the public distribution system in order to keep the prices under check and to protect the interests of consumers especially those belonging to the weaker sections of the society.

The recommendations have been accepted by the Government and action has been taken to implement the same.

Eradication of Leprosy

72. SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to ascertain the number of lepers in the country and the extent of this disease ;

(b) if so, the broad findings thereof ;

(c) the schemes implemented and measures adopted for complete eradication of this dreadful disease from the country ; and