

Demand for Foodgrains by Rajasthan Government for Refugees in Camps

1179. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether more than 35 thousand refugees living in Camps in Barmer District of Rajasthan are facing a sort of famine in camps ;

(b) if so, whether these people are not being given adequate foodgrains to meet the requirement ;

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan have approached the Government of India to release more foodgrains for these refugees ;

(d) if so, the quantity of foodgrains supplied by the Government of India to Rajasthan ; and

(e) if no supply is made, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha, as early as possible.

State-wise quantity and price of Sugar supplied through Fair Price Shops

1180. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise quantity of sugar supplied through Ration Shops at present ; and

(b) the State-wise price per Kilogram of sugar supplied through Ration Shops ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SHINGH) : (a) A Statement showing Statewise allocation of levy sugar for distribution through controlled channels, for the months of July and August 1972 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 3303/72].

(b) A Statement showing the prices per Kilogram of sugar supplied through fair price shops in the various States for which information is available, is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 3303/72]

Supply of Sugar to West Bengal by Maharashtra

1181. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to a recent decision of the Government, the sugar mills of Maharashtra will from now on be supplying sugar to West Bengal ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. A part of the monthly allocations of levy sugar for West Bengal is being met from sugar factories in Maharashtra.

(b) Because of inadequate availability of stocks with the factories in the neighbouring States, it has become necessary to meet part of the requirements of West Bengal from the factories in the surplus States including Maharashtra.

Rural drinking water Facilities in West Bengal

1182. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the District-wise number of villages in West Bengal ; and

(b) District-wise number of villages in West Bengal with drinking water facilities as in 1950-51, 1968-69 and 1971-72 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Tube-wells for drinking water in West Bengal

1183. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) District-wise number of tube-wells for drinking water in West Bengal as in 1950-51, 1968-69 and 1971-72 ;