

Export of Rice

9418. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some superfine varieties of rice are exported from India;

(b) if so, what quantities were exported during 1972-73 and what quantities are proposed to be exported during 1973-74 and the price thereof; and

(c) the reason why rice is exported even when there is famine in several parts of India ?

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

(b) 15,000 tonnes of superior basmati rice have been exported during 1972-73 on an approximate average price of Rs. 1967 per tonne. A target of 30,000 tonnes of superior basmati rice has been fixed for export during 1973-74.

(c) Export of superior basmati rice is made (i) in order to earn foreign exchange and (ii) to retain India's position in the export market of basmati rice.

Colleges running by Communal Institutions

9419. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT : SHRI J. G. KADAM :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether grants have been given to any college run by the Communal Institution in India, if so, how much in each case during the last three years; and

(b) whether Government would consider the desirability of stopping or at least reducing their grants ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE

(PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b). Grants to colleges are given either by the University Grants Commission or State Government concerned according to their respective rules. The question of Government of India stopping or curtailing such grants does not arise.

Demand from Rajasthan Foodgrain Dealers Association regarding lifting of restrictions on movement of Jowar, Bajra and Maize within State

9420. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF : SHRI VARKEY GEORGE.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rajasthan Foodgrain Dealers Association had demanded lifting of all restrictions imposed by Government on the free movement of Jowar, bajra and maize within the State; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto ?

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

In March, 1973 a representation was received from the Rajasthan Khadya Padarth Vyapar Sangh urging the withdrawal of restrictions on the movement of coarse grains within the State on the ground that such restrictions would adversely affect prices and were not beneficial to any one.

Restrictions on the movement of jowar, bajra and maize within the State have been imposed by the Government of Rajasthan in the interest of procurement, and with the concurrence of the Central Government. There is no proposal to withdraw those restrictions.