

**Co-operative Board for Fertilizer
Projects in U. P. and Punjab**

6509. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :

(a) whether a Co-operative board for
fertilizer projects is planned for Uttar
Pradesh and Punjab; and

(b) if so, the composition of the board
and the advantages thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) :
(a) and (b) : Certain proposals for
setting up two fertiliser projects in the co-
operative sector in U.P. and Punjab during
the Fifth Five Year Plan are under consid-
eration. The formation of a Board of Direc-
tors' will arise only when these proposals
are approved by Government and coopera-
tive societies for taking up the projects are
registered.

Wages Rate under Relief Manual

6510. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state ;

(a) the actual rate of wage in cash or kind
under Relief Manual ;

(b) whether this wage rate under the
Manual is not antdated in view of the rise
in Price-index and wide spread drought in
the country and acute unemployment
and starvation and whether Government
have under active consideration or feel it
necessary to have a proposal for revision of
the manual ;

(c) the concrete steps being taken or
proposed to be taken to provide relief work
to the scarcity, drought, food affected
people and check corruption in connection
with relief work ; and

(d) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to news item under heading
'low wage' published in the *Times of India*
dated the 25th February, 1973 and what
steps are being taken to check the
corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) :
(a) A statement is laid on the Table of
the House. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T.
4767/73].

(b) : The State Governments have
already been advised to consider revision
of the famine codes/manuals, in force in
the respective States. Some State Govern-
ments have taken action for revision of the
codes and have reported the revised wage
rates as per statement laid on the Table
of the House. [Placed in Library. See
No. LT—4767/73]

(c) A statement is laid on the Table
of the House. [Placed in Library. See No.
LV—4767/73]

(d) Yes, Sir The position of the steps
taken to check mal-practices is indicated
in the statement referred to in reply to part
(c) of the Question.

**Supply of Hardwood to Saw Mill
at Chatham**

6512. SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :

(a) whether Forest Department of
Andamans Islands entered into agreement
with the Andaman Timber Industries re-
cently for supply of 200 cu. metro hardwood
logs monthly to Saw Mill at Chatham ;

(b) if so, the required quantity being
supplied; and