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10.	Orissa . . .	Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubneswar.	—	Paddy	Paddy
11	Punjab . . .	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.	Wheat	Wheat	Cotton
12	Rajasthan . . .	University of Udaipur, Udaipur.	Bajra	Bajra	Maize
13	Tamil Nadu . . .	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.	—	Paddy	Groundnut.
14	Uttar Pradesh . . .	U.P. Agricultural University, Pantnagar.	—	Wheat	Wheat
15	West Bengal . . .	University of Kalyani, Kalyani.	—	Paddy	Paddy

Note : Advance action on the collection of cost data for the sugarcane crop of 1973-74 has also been initiated in the States of Maharashtra, Punjab and Tamil Nadu.

Amount granted for Meeting the Loss on Export of Sugar

8597. SHRI S. N. MISRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount granted for meeting the loss on export of sugar and the consumer subsidy on foodgrains transactions by the Government during the last three years, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE). The amount granted for meeting the loss on export of sugar is given below:—

Financial year	Amount (Rs./Crores)
1970-71 . . .	8.60
1971-72 . . .	9.50
1972-73 . . .	0.23 (for exports in 1971 but payment made in 1972-73)

The consumer subsidy on foodgrains transactions during the last three years is as follows:—

Financial year	Amount (Rs./Crores)
1970-71 . . .	17.98
1971-72 . . .	49.69
1972-73 . . .	117.23

Financial Assistance to Mysore for Development of Towns

8598. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 62 lakhs for the proposed township between Hubli and Dharwar;

(b) if so, whether the State of Mysore has approached for more funds for the development of other towns in the State; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) to (c). No, Sir. The Housing and Urban Development Corporation, a public sector undertaking, has however sanctioned a loan of Rs. 42 lakhs to the Hubli Dharwar Municipal Corporation in March, 1973 for construction of flats.

Ban on Sale of Tiger Skins

8599. SHRI BRIJRAJ SINGH-KOTAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose a ban on sale of tiger skins in India; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to remove any impediments it may face towards this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration of Government.

Excavations at Balrajgarh, Bihar

8600. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether excavation at Balrajgarh, Bihar yielded valuable historical finds; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The excavation at Balrajgarh was undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India during the year 1962-63. Four cuttings, two each across the defence-wall, and in the habitation area, were laid out. Besides, three more cuttings were made in different parts of the city. Due to high water table obtaining in the area the natural soil could not be reached. The excavation threw light on the structural details of the fortifications.

From the pre-defence deposits, sherds of the Northern Black Polished ware, ascribable to circa sixth second century B. C. were obtained. The fortification seems to have been built somewhere in the 2nd century B.C. and remained in use till the pala period. Other finds obtained from the associated levels included heads coins, sunga terracotta plaques, bone object, etc.

Rhinos in the Country

8601. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether rhinos are fast decreasing in the country, particularly, in the North Bengal, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Assam;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the total number of such species in the country;

(c) whether fatal disease has broken into the rhino generation causing their rapid decrease; and

(d) the steps being taken to protect the species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (d). Information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the table of the Sabha in due course.

Misuse of Advances given to Cooperative Societies

8602. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from the Reserve Bank of India that advances given to the Cooperative Societies have been misused and instead of fostering the spirit of cooperation, these societies have been misusing the tax concessions allowed to Cooperative Societies; and

(b) if so, steps Government propose to take to arrest this tendency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.