

Association (Tamil Nadu branch) have requested for relaxation of the restriction imposed by the Government for sale every week by sugar factories of not less than 20 per cent of the free sale sugar quota released in each month.

(b) The representations are under consideration.

### Shortage of Vanaspati

2536. SHRI PRABODH  
CHANDRA:  
SHRI VASANT SATHE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that Vanaspati shortage is manipulated by manufacturers; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) and (b). Government have sometimes seen reports to this effect in the Press, but there was nothing specific in them capable of verification.

### Demand for Wheat and Rice from West Bengal, Orissa and Assam

2537. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how far the paddy or rice procurement has yet been done in West Bengal, Orissa and Assam for current season;

(b) what are the demands placed by those States to the Centre for sending rice or wheat during the last five months; and

(c) how far the demands were met by the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) A statement showing the total quantity of rice (including paddy in terms of rice procured by Public Agencies (including State Governments) during the current Kharif marketing season upto 28th February, 1974 in the States of West Bengal, Orissa and Assam is attached.

(b) and (c). The demands for wheat and rice received from the above-mentioned States for the last 5 months (October 1973 to February 1974) are indicated below:—

(In 000 tonnes)

State	Demand	Allotment
West Bengal	920	611
Orissa	105	45
Assam	125	50

### Statement

*Progressive procurement of Rice, (including paddy in terms of rice) procured by Public Agencies (including State Government) during the current Kharif Marketing season upto 28th February, 1974.*

(In 000 tonnes)

State	Quantity Procured Rice (including paddy in terms of rice)
West Bengal	122
Orissa	135
Assam	110

दिल्ली दुग्ध योजना के पास दुग्ध टौकन के लिये अनिर्णीत पड़े आवेदनपत्र

2538. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी  
श्री जगन्नाथराव जोशी :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे