

tive Marketing Union. The quantities procured by each agency in the previous year are as follows:—

(In '000 tonnes)	
<b>Kharif 1972-73—Rice (including paddy in terms of rice)</b>	
State Government . . . . .	38.6
F. C. I. . . . .	17.4
TOTAL . . . . .	56.0
<b>Rabi 1973-74—Wheat</b>	
State Government . . . . .	48.8
FCI . . . . .	0.4
Cooperatives . . . . .	0.6
TOTAL . . . . .	49.8

A procurement target of 1 lakh tonnes of rice and 25,000 tonnes of coarse grains has been fixed for 1973-74 Kharif season. For Rabi food-grains no procurement targets have been fixed for the current season.

#### **Committee on Pricing, Printing, Distribution and Sale of N.B.T. Publications**

2767. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF  
SHRI S. N. MISRA:

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

(a) whether any Committee was appointed by Government to examine *inter alia* the pricing, printing, distribution and sale of the National Book Trust publications and to suggest economy in their production, as also their rapid disposal; and

(b) if so, when the report is likely to be submitted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor Nihar Ranjan Ray was set up to review the working of the Trust including, *inter alia*, the policy relating to pricing, printing, distribution and sale of its publications. The report, which this Committee has recently submitted, is under consideration of Government.

#### **Languages recognised by Sahitya Akademi**

2768. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the languages which are proposed to be accorded recognition by the Sahitya Akademi in the near future; and

(b) what are the criteria followed by the Akademi for according recognition to Indian languages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) Recognition has been claimed for Bhojpuri, Nepali, Konkani, and Khasi as independent literary languages but the Akademi is yet to take a decision.

(b) the criteria followed are:—

(1) whether structurally a language is an independent language or is part of a system of a given language.

(2) whether it has had continuous literary tradition and history.

(3) whether a sufficiently large number of people use it today as a vehicle of literary and cultural expression.