

Additional Wheat for Rajasthan and Gujarat

4670. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional quantum of wheat has been granted or yet to be delivered to Rajasthan and Gujarat than the past year's quota; and

(b) if so, the reason thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P SHINDE): (a) and (b). The supply of wheat to Gujarat and Rajasthan during October, 1973, to December, 1973 and the supply and allotment of wheat to Gujarat and Rajasthan during October, 1974 to December, 1974, is as under:

(In thousand tonnes)

Name of State	Supply during October, '73 to Decm. '73	Supply/ allotment during October' 74 to December '74.
Gujarat . . .	84 0	135.6
Rajasthan . . .	54.0	43.9

In respect of both the States the overall allotment/supply of foodgrains including coarse grains is, however, much higher during the last quarter of this year when compared to the corresponding period of last year. This has been done to enable the State Government, to meet the situation arising out of the unsatisfactory kharif crops.

Import of Wheat from U.S.S.R.

4671. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S.S.R. has agreed to give a loan of 50 million tonnes of wheat to India this year;

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement; and

(c) what would be the position of returning the backlog of Twenty million tonnes of wheat of last year?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The agreement signed on the 12th October, 1973 with U.S.S.R. for obtaining supplies of wheat on loan basis was for two million tonnes and not for twenty million tonnes. Under the agreement, the entire quantity is to be replaced in kind in the course of five years commencing two years after completion of deliveries. The entire quantity of two million tonnes of wheat was received by October, 1974.

Central Directive to States for increasing Irrigational Target Projects for Rabi Crops

4672. SHRI SARJOO PANDEY: SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sent any directive to the States to increase the rabi irrigation targets so as to achieve more foodgrains target in rabi season; and

(b) if so, the names of the States and nature of directive thereof?