

(c) In cereal-based diets, inadequacy of calories is a more widely prevalent form of malnutrition. When calories are not adequate, protein also tends to get utilised as a source of energy, thus leading to protein malnutrition also. Breeding good quality rice varieties with a high yield potential could hence make an important contribution to the improvement of the nutritional standards of rice-eating people. Work on these lines is hence also in progress at the International Rice Research Institute, The Philippines.

Food Crisis in Karnataka

8626. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL:

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

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

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the report about Karnataka heading towards food crisis; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNA- SAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). Karnataka as a whole is normally self sufficient in rice, though some regions in the State are deficit. The State Government is responsible for the distribution of foodgrains within the State and keeps in view the needs of the various regions. The State Government is also being supplied reasonable quantities of wheat and coarse grains from the Central pool for issue through the Public Distribution System.

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Implementation of Third Pay Commission Report by Delhi University

8627. SHRI SARJOO PANDEY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University had blamed the Government for the failure to implement the recommendations of Third Pay Commission which was approved by the University Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by University of Delhi, it is not a fact that the Vice-Chancellor had blamed the Government for the failure to implement the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission. He had however, requested for expeditious decision in the matter. Necessary orders revising the scales of pay in respect of most of the non-teaching employees of the University have since been issued.

Value and Quantity of Wheat, Rice and Coars Grains Imported

8628. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 526 on 7th April, 1975 regarding import of wheat and rice during 1975-76 and state:

(a) total quantity and value of wheat, rice and coarse grains separately, imported year-wise, during the period 1972-73 to 1974-75;

(b) names and particulars of the American Parties who have supplied foodgrains to India and quantity supplied by each during each of the above-mentioned years;

(c) whether some of the U.S. suppliers are multinational Corporations,

(d) if so, what are the facts thereof,

(e) names of the countries who have made positive offer to supply rice, wheat and coarse grains to India and quantum offered by each;

(f) the reasons why contract for supply of foodgrains under US PL 480, which was scrapped in or about 1973 has now been revived; and

(g) what are terms and conditions of supply of food grains to India under P L 480?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNA SAHEB P SHINDE) (a) A statement is attached

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

(c) and (d) India Supply Mission, Washington, has reported that some of the US suppliers with whom they have dealings are multinational Corporations, having operations in Canada, Argentina, Europe and Japan. The Mission has no information whether they have their field of operations in other countries

(e) Imports of foodgrains are made from exporting countries like USA, Canada, Argentina, Australia, Sweden and EEC countries etc on commercial basis after taking into account the availability, the price and other relevant factors and the purchases are effected on terms and at a time advantageous to us. Offers to supply grain arise similarly in respect of food aid. Details in regard to offers of food aid made and accepted from different countries during 1972-73 to 174-75 are as under—

(Quantity in '000 tonnes)

Country	1972-73	1973-74	1974 75
Australia			40.0
UK		30.0	..
EEC		30.0	295.0
Sweden			50.0
Canada	..		140.0

An offer made by the Government of the USSR to supply 2 million tonnes of wheat on loan basis in 1973 was accepted. The entire quantity has been received. The replacement will commence in June, 1976 and the entire quantity will be replaced in five equal annual instalments.

Recently an offer has also been received from the Government of Thailand through our Embassy in Bangkok for the supply of 1 lakh tonnes of rice on Government to Government basis

(f) Having regard to the easy food situation then obtaining in the country it was decided to discontinue concessional food imports of foodgrains including PL-480 purchases from the beginning of 1972. Owing to steep shortfall in the production during the last 2-3 years, imports of foodgrains had to be resorted to in a big way to maintain the public distribution system. The heavy imports of foodgrains put a considerable strain on our scarce foreign exchange resources and in the changed context and keeping the overall economic situation in view it was decided to obtain foodgrains on such terms as will provide for a nominal rate of interest and payments spread over a number of years including purchases under Title I of the US Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act.

(g) An agreement was signed between the Government of India and the Government of USA on 20th March 1975 for the import of 300,000 tonnes of wheat, wheat-flour under Title I of the US Agricultural Trade

Development and Assistance Act. Mainly the terms are as follows:—

The export value of this commodity will be \$ 128 million f.o.b. Five per cent of this amount (\$ 6.4 million) will be paid by India initially in cash and the balance (\$ 121.6 million).

Statement showing quantity and C & F value year-wise of foodgrains imported from abroad during 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75.

Quantity in lakh tonnes)
Approximate Estimated C & F value
in Cores of Rs

Year	Wheat	Rice	Milo	Total quantity	C & F value
1972-73	4 40	1 04	1 53	6 97	59.08
1973-74	30 59		12 88	43 47	358.20
1974-75	49 44		5 04	54 48	653.67

Delhi State Parents Association Opposed to New Pattern of Education

8629 SHRI D. K. PANDA Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state,

(a) whether the Delhi State Parents Association has opposed the new pattern of education proposed to be introduced in Delhi Schools from May this year; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and Government's reaction thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) A copy of the representation received from the Delhi Parents Association is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No LT-9620/75.] The points raised therein are under examination

will be on credit repayable in dollars over a period of 40 years, including a grace period of 10 years. The rate of interest on the loan will be 2 per cent per annum during the first 10 years and 8 per cent per annum during the remaining 30 years

Pact between I.C.A.R. and Iraq

8630 SHRI HARI SINGH:
SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA:

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

(a) whether ICAR has recently concluded a pact with Iraq regarding agricultural technology and farming and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance of the Cultural Agreement between India and Iraq signed in Baghdad on April 19, 1973, to promote and develop cultural, scientific and technical relations between these two countries in every possible way, a Protocol on Scientific Cooperation in the fields of Agriculture and Animal Sciences between the Foundation of Scientific Research, Iraq, and