

**Procurement price of Paddy and Rice and actual procurement**

432. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the rates fixed in each State for procurement of paddy and rice during the present season; and

(b) State-wise break-up of procurement done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). Two Statements (Statement I & II) are attached. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-16097/76].

**Import of Foodgrains from U.S.A.**

433. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) quantity of foodgrains already imported or booked for import from the U.S. during 1975 and also during 1976;

(b) whether his attention has been drawn to recent U.S. Press reports on federal investigations, against Bungi Corporation and some other US grain exporting firms, into the fraud amounting to crores of rupees committed on the importing countries including India;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether a few of these firms, including the Bungi Corporation, were charged by the Government of India, with under-invoicing and other economic offences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHB

P. SHINDE): (a) In 1975, a total quantity of about 4.71 million tonnes of foodgrains was imported from the U.S.A. It is neither possible at this stage nor is it in public interest to indicate the quantum of foodgrains that may have to be imported from U.S.A. during 1976.

(b) and (c). Government have seen Press reports to the effect that a lower level employee of M/s. Bunge Corporation, New York, has deposed that the Corporation was resorting to short weighment of foodgrain ships bound for India and African countries from their elevator at Destrehan. The Indian Embassy, Washington, has been asked to ascertain the position.

(d) The question of taking action against this Corporation or other suppliers will be examined on receipt of complete information.

**Detection of bogus Ration Cards in Delhi**

434. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO:  
SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH:

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

(a) whether many bogus ration cards were detected in Delhi during the last six months as a result of door-to-door checking; and

(b) if so, the action taken against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Delhi Administration has reported that as a result of checking, the card holders found having bogus units are being proceeded against, and cards found bogus have been cancelled.