

for admission to class XI if he intends to join the general stream of education. Passing in English would also be necessary if the student wishes to join a vocational course for which knowledge of English is essential."

The views of the State Governments re still awaited.

Storage facilities for stock of food-grains for three years

2014. SHRI R. N. BARMAN Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to have a stock of foodgrains for three years;

(b) if so, whether we have adequate scientific storage facilities for this; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to create this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) The policy of the Government has always been to build up a sizeable buffer stock of foodgrains to impart stability to the country's food economy. The exact size of the buffer stock is being examined by a Technical Group.

(b) and (c). A statement is attached

Statement

The ultimate storage capacity required will depend upon the size of the buffer stock which is being examined by the Technical Group. However, the following steps are being taken to create additional storage capacity to meet present/future requirements:

(1) Additional storage capacity has been/is being built by FCI as well as CWC.

(2) Additional capacity is being hired from various sources.

(3) Optimum use of existing capacity is made by increasing stack height, expeditious disposal of obsolete/unserviceable stores etc. Small capacity sheds (mini-type godowns) are also being built.

(4) Use of plinths for temporary storage is being made.

(5) Surplus storage capacity with defunct establishments, sugar mills, rice mills, disused rehabilitation camps etc., is also being used for storage of foodgrains.

Central Assistance for Irrigation Project of West Bengal

2015. SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the irrigation projects for which Central Assistance is being made available to the Government of West Bengal;

(b) the target of completion for each project; and

(c) what plans Government have evolved to bring more land under irrigation and what allocations had been made to each State for 1974-75 and how much of this money was utilised and additional acreage created?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) and (b). Special advance plan assistance of Rupees one crore was given to the Government of West Bengal for accelerating work on Kangsabati project during 1975-76 to create an additional potential of 14,000 hectares. The project is likely to be completed in all respects by end of Fifth Plan.

(c) The ultimate irrigation potential in the country has been assessed at 107 million ha, comprising 57 million ha. by major/medium irrigation projects and 50 million ha. by minor