

(a) the total imports of rice during 1966-67;

(b) the names of countries from which it was imported; and

(c) the total amount of foreign exchange spent thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). The required information is given in the attached statement. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-211/67].

(c) The total amount of foreign exchange spent on the import of rice during the year 1966-67, upto the end of February, 1967 is Rs. 52.41 crores. The accounts for the month of March, 1967 have not so far been received from our Missions abroad.

Loan to Orissa

412. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena;
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka;
Shri Khagapathi Pradhan;
Shri Heerji Bhal:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any short-term loan has been given to the Government of Orissa for increasing farm output during 1966-67; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). The Government of Orissa has been given the following short term loans for the purchase and distribution of Fertilizers and pesticides during the year 1966-67:

Purchase and Distribution of Fertilizers	Rs. 115.69 lakhs
Taccavi Loan for Fertilizers	Rs. 100.00 lakhs
Purchase of Pesticides	Rs. 40.00 lakhs
Total	Rs. 255.69 lakhs

Requirements of Chemical Fertilisers

413. Shri S. K. Sambandhan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated requirements of chemical fertilizers for the year 1967-68;

(b) the quantity produced in the country and the quantity to be imported during 1967-68; and

(c) the quantity allotted to each State and the quantity required for the year 1967-68 by each State?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Having regard to the different production programmes, the availability of foreign exchange for imports and estimated indigenous production, the requirements assessed and fixed for fertilizer consumption for the year 1967-68 is as under:—

Nitrogenous fertilisers (in terms of Nitrogen)	1.35
Phosphatic fertilisers (in terms of P ₂ O ₅)	0.50
Potassic fertilisers (in terms of K ₂ O)	0.30
	(million tonnes)

	Target for consumption.	Estimated indigenous production.	Balance to be imported.
Nitrogenous Fertilisers (in terms of Nitrogen)	1.35	0.5	0.85
Phosphatic fertilisers (in terms of P ₂ O ₅)	0.50	0.275	0.225
Potassic fertilisers (in terms of K ₂ O)	0.30	..	0.30

(c) Allocations of fertilisers distributed by the Central Fertiliser Pool are made on quarterly basis. Allotment for the first quarter of 1967-68 viz. April-June, 1967, will be made shortly. A statement showing quantity of nitrogenous fertilisers required by the State during 1967-68 as assessed with reference to (a) above is enclosed. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-213/67].

Import of Spare Parts of Agricultural Drilling Machines

414. Shri S. K. Sambandhan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request by the Government of Madras for permission to import spare parts for agricultural drilling machines was received in the course of the last five years; and

(b) if so, the stage at which these requests stand?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-213/67].

Bridge on Madras-Cape Comorin Highway

415. Shri S. K. Sambandhan: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether any bridge near about mile 92 on the Madras-Cape Comorin National Highway collapsed in the year 1962 due to floods;

(b) if so, whether it has been reconstructed; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Prof. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

नये कृषि विश्वविद्यालय

416. श्री रे० सि० पाटिल :

श्री बलबन्त :

श्री कांबले :

श्री टी० ए० पाटिल :

क्या साक्ष तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि में देश में कितने नये कृषि विश्वविद्यालय स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ख) क्या ये कृषि विश्वविद्यालय समानुपातिक आधार पर प्रत्येक राज्य में स्थापित किये जायेंगे ?

साक्ष, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री अन्नसाहेब शिन्डे) (क) प्लान विवादों के दौरान राज्यों से जो जानकारी प्राप्त हुई उससे ज्ञात होता है कि महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात, मद्रास तथा आसाम के राज्य चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना की अवधि में कृषि विश्वविद्यालय स्थापित करने का इरादा रखते हैं। हाल ही में केरल के कृषि मन्त्री ने भी बक्तव्य दिया है कि वह बहुत शीघ्र केरल में एक कृषि विश्वविद्यालय स्थापित करना चाहते हैं।

(ख) शिवा प्रयोग (1964-66) ने मिफारिज की है कि प्रत्येक राज्य में कम से कम एक कृषि विश्वविद्यालय होना चाहिए। चौथी योजना के दौरान एक से अधिक विश्वविद्यालय किसी राज्य के लिए अपेक्षित नहीं हैं। फिर भी जिन राज्यों में कृषि विश्वविद्यालय नहीं हैं यदि वे चौथी योजना के दौरान विश्वविद्यालय स्थापित करने के सम्बन्ध में सुझाव रखें तो उन्हें केन्द्र द्वारा सहायता दी जाएगी।