

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 40,000 metric tons.

(d) Shipment of the entire quantity is to be effected by July, 1968.

UNEMPLOYMENT

6342. SHRI S. KUNDU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of urban and rural unemployed persons during the last five years has increased;

(b) if so, the figures of unemployed men and women year-wise; and

(c) the number of unemployed technicians, diploma-holders and engineers in the country at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI S. C. JAMIR): (a) No precise information is available in regard to the extent of increase in unemployment. Unemployment at the end of the Third Five Year Plan was roughly estimated by the Planning Commission at 9 to 10 million of which three fourths belonged to rural areas. No subsequent estimates of unemployment are available, but it is likely that the unemployment position has undergone some deterioration during 1966-67 and 1967-68 due to the slackening in the tempo of economy affecting almost all the employment-generating sectors.

(b) and (c) The only information available in this regard relates to the number of work-seekers on the live register of employment exchanges which is given in the statements laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-756/68].

SALE OF WHEAT AND RICE IN DELHI

6343. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the restrictions on the movement of foodgrains to and from Delhi have been partially or fully lifted since the decision to allow sale of wheat and rice in open market was taken; and

(b) if not, how the flow of foodgrains into Delhi will be affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b) For the purpose of movement of wheat and rice, Delhi forms a part of the zone consisting of Punjab, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh w.e.f. 23-3-1968.

SUGAR PRICES IN OPEN MARKET

6344. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA:
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA:

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

(a) the steps being taken to bring down the prices of sugar being sold in the open market which have almost stabilised at about Rs. 4 per Kilo; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for either total control or decontrol of sugar in view of its high prices in the open market and exorbitant profit being made by the sugar manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) No Sir, not at present.