

साख तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इस वर्ष राजस्थान में मैक्सिकन किस्म के गेहूँ का उत्पादन खूब हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने एकड़ भूमि में मैक्सिकन गेहूँ उगाई गई थी ;

(ग) अगले वर्ष कितने एकड़ भूमि में मैक्सिकन गेहूँ की खेती की जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) एक एकड़ में मैक्सिकन गेहूँ की अधिकतम उपज कितनी होती है ?

साख, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्र: (श्री अन्ना साहिब शिन्दे) : : (क) अनुकूल मौसम के कारण इस वर्ष राजस्थान में मैक्सिकन किस्म के गेहूँ का उत्पादन अधिक होने की सम्भावना है ।

(ख) 1966-67 के रबी मौसम में 23,801 एकड़ भूमि के क्षेत्र में गेहूँ की मैक्सिकन किस्म में उगाई गई थी । 1967-68 के रबी के लिए 3.00 लाख एकड़ का अग्रान्तिम लक्ष्य रखा गया है । फिर भी वास्तविक क्षेत्र के विषय में राज्य सरकारों से जानकारी की प्रतीक्षा है ।

(ग) 1968-69 के रबी के लक्ष्यों को अभी तक अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है

(घ) राजस्थान में 1966-67 के रबी के मौसम में मैक्सिकन गेहूँ की 8200 पौंड प्रति एकड़ की अधिकतम उपज प्राप्त हुई थी । रबी की फसल की कटाई के पश्चात् 1967-68 की रबी के मौसम के विषय में इसी प्रकार की जानकारी उपलब्ध होने की आशा है ।

INDIAN REPATRIATES FROM CEYLON

535. SHRI ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regular repatriation of Indians from Ceylon under the Indo-Ceylon Agreement, 1964 has commenced; and

(b) if so, when the first batch of Indian repatriates from Ceylon is likely to arrive in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION; (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) No.

(b) It is not possible at present to indicate a firm date of arrival of the first batch of Indian repatriates from Ceylon.

EXPORT OF RICE

536. SHRI D. N. PATODIA:
SHRI LILADHAR KOTOKI:
SHRI SHRI GOPAL SABOO:
SHRI BENI SHANKER
SHARMA:

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

(a) whether Government have recently started exporting rice to other countries;

(b) if so, the quantity of rice produced in the country during 1967-68 and the total demand as compared to the production;

(c) the total import of rice from other countries during the above period; and

(d) the reasons for the export of rice when this commodity is scarce in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICUL-

TURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHB SHINDE): (a) Superior Basmati rice is being exported since 1962. The annual export so far has been between 2,000 to 5,000 tonnes.

(b) The firm estimates of production of rice during 1967-68 are expected to become available only by April, 1968; but indications are that the present rice crop is better than the one in the previous year.

The demand in the country for any particular foodgrain is quite elastic depending upon a number of factors which include the availability of the particular grain, the availability of substitute foods and comparative prices for the various foodgrains. In the absence of a scientific consumption survey, it is not possible to quantify the total demand of foodgrains in general in the country, let alone the demand for any particular grain. Further all the grain produced in the country does not become available for consumption as some part of it is kept back for seed, feed etc. and also some portion is kept back in building up of stocks with the producers and with the trade. Therefore, the comparison between the production and demand of rice in the country as contemplated in the question is not possible.

(c) The total quantity of rice imported during the year 1967-68 (April to January 1968) was 3,96,600 metric tons.

(d) Export of very small quantities of Superior Basmati rice cannot have any significant effect on the supply position in the country. In any case, much larger quantities of coarse rice, which is widely consumed, is being imported at comparatively much lower prices than the price fetched by the Superior Basmati rice.

FOOD SUPPLY TO RAJASTHAN

537. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the

Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a critical food situation has arisen in Rajasthan State as a result of the non-fulfilment of a request from the State Government to raise the food quota for the State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has urged the Central Government to raise its monthly quota of wheat to 20,000 tonnes and sugar to 4,800 tonnes;

(c) whether the back-log of supply of wheat during January-June, 1967 is 24,400 tonnes; and

(d) if so, whether Government have considered the request of the State Government to augment the quota of food supply and whether the back-log of supply of wheat to the State has been fully cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHB SHINDE): (a): No, Sir.

(b) The Rajasthan Government have requested for raising their monthly wheat quota to 20,000 tonnes and of levy sugar to 4,300 tonnes.

(c) No, Sir. The back-log is of the order of 17,000 tonnes.

(d) The food supply position in Rajasthan is not such as to require just now, either the augmenting of the quota or the supply of the back-log.

PRODUCTION OF HYBRID SEEDS

538. SHRI D. N. PATODIA:
SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR:

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

(a) whether with a view to achieve self-sufficiency in foodgrains, Government have formulated any Statewise scheme for largescale production of hybrid seeds in the country;