

much assistance in the matter of foodgrains has been asked for by the State Government for this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The targets recommended by the Agricultural Prices Commission for procurement of foodgrains in Bihar out of 1967-68 crop were:—

(In thousand tonnes)

Grain	Quantity
Rice	260
Other Kharif cereals	60
Wheat	25

(b) Not out of its own production.

(c) The demands of foodgrains received from the Bihar Government were generally on a monthly basis, though for certain months, there were no specific demands. The total of quantities asked for by them during the period January to August, 1968 and the quantities allotted from Central pool are given below:—

(In thousand tonnes)

	Asked for	Allotted
Seed Paddy	2.5	2.5
Wheat and Milo	448.0	453.7

CLOSURE OF SUGAR MILLS

5070. SHRI M. S. OBEROI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sugar mills now lying closed in the country;

(b) the main reasons for their closure; and

(c) the steps being taken to reopen them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Five factories did not work in the season 1967-68.

(b) Lack of sugarcane in their respective areas.

(c) The working of these factories during the next season will depend upon the availability of sugarcane.

STUDY GROUPS

5071. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Study Groups organised under his Ministry during the year 1968 up-to-date;

(b) the purpose for which they have been formulated and their tenure;

(c) whether his attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Times of India in the month of July, 1968 to the effect that a Study Group under his Ministry had been asked to visit important cities in South India; and

(d) if so, the main subject of study of that group and the names of the personnel of the group?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI): (a) Only one Study Group was set up in 1968.

(b) This Group is to undertake a detailed examination of the Malnad area in Mysore with regard to its suitability for inclusion in the Special Areas Development Programme. The Team will submit its report by 28th February, 1969.

(c) Yes, but this is about another Study Group which was set up in 1967.

(d) This Group is to undertake the study of the working and living conditions of licensed Railway Porters and Vendors employed on commission basis in Railway Departmental Catering Establishments. The Study Group is composed of:—

(i) Shri T. V. Anandan,
Member, Rajya Sabha Member