

(b) In the context of the improved food position, it is not considered necessary to extend statutory rationing to more areas.

FOOD AID TO STATES

6326. SHRI J. H. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States like Bihar, U.P. (particularly the eastern region) and Kerala, are still suffering due to the scarcity of food and Central Government have failed to provide sufficient food to these States; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED AREAS OF TRIPURA

6327. SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEB BURMAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area of agricultural land inundated by floods in Tripura this year and the damage caused thereby to the various types of crops.

(b) whether special types of seeds and fertilizers are being or have been made available to the cultivators of the lands which were inundated;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the extent and nature of assistance or subsidies given for the supplies of seeds and fertilizers to such cultivators;

(d) whether any assistance has also been given to such affected cultivators for making tractors and tillers available; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) According to the report furnished by Tripura Administration a total crop area of 0.172 lakh hectares has been inundated by floods. The damage caused to the various types of crops is as follows:

Aus. ...	11,105 Metric tons.
Boro ...	2,956 Metric tons.
Jute ...	511 Metric tons.

In addition, Aman seedlings in about 0.025 lakh hectares of seed beds were also damaged.

(b) to (e). No special type of seeds and fertilizers, tractors and tillers, assistance or subsidy were given to the affected cultivators. However, normal supply of seeds and fertilizers and subsidy continue to be made available to such cultivators.

आधुनिक स्वचालित चावल संयंत्र

6328. श्री मीठालाल मीना : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जापान से आयात किये जाने वाले आधुनिक स्वचालित चावल संयंत्रों की तरह के संयंत्र भारत में बनाए जाते हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वे भारत में कहाँ-कहाँ बनाए जाते हैं ;

(ग) क्या गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में कोई मिल मालिक ये स्वचालित संयंत्र जापान से सीधे आयात कर सकता है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कैसे ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्दे) : (क) जिस प्रकार के उपकरण जापान से आयात किए गए वे इस समय