

थी। योजना की वास्तविक क्रियान्विति के आधार पर, राज्य सरकार ने कुल 41.50 लाख रुपये की केन्द्रीय सहायता मांगी थी जो पूर्ण रूप से दे दी गई थी।

(ग), से (ङ). केन्द्रीय सहायता की प्रतिपूर्ति सहायता के स्वीकृत प्रतिमान के आधार पर तथा वास्तव में हुए व्यय की सीमा के अन्तर्गत की जाती है, अतः राज्य सरकार को कोई बकाया राशि अदा करने का कोई प्रश्न नहीं है। योजना के "स्पिल ओवर" भाग के लिए निम्नलिखित और सहायता प्रदान की गई है :—

1966-67	13.97 लाख रुपये
1967-68	10.00 लाख रुपये
1968-69	15.00 लाख रुपये (अन्तिम नियतन)

**STAFF OF ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR FORESTS**

6362. SHRI K. R. GANESH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure on administrative and supervisory staff of the Andaman and Nicobar Forests for maintenance and regeneration and structural operations; and

(b) the total staff, administrative and supervisory required for the above purposes only, category-wise, right from the Chief Conservator of Forests to Forester, and the expenditure on them category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). The required information is being collected from Andaman Administration and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

**ROLE OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES**

6363. SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the role of Agricultural Universities in promoting the modern technique of production in the agricultural field;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) whether Government intend to set up more agricultural universities in the country during the Fourth Plan; and

(d) if so, the number of universities to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). Since the Agricultural Universities are of recent origin there has not been any specific assessment so far of the role of Agricultural Universities in promoting the modern technique of production in agricultural field. It has, however, come to the notice of the Government of India that some of the Agricultural Universities where Research, Education and extension are fully integrated have made good strides in this direction.

(c) The decision to set up Agricultural Universities has to be taken by the State Governments. The Government of India is, however, prepared to assist the States to set up Agricultural Universities during the Fourth Plan period.

(d) The State Governments of Kerala, Assam and Bihar have so far proposed to set up Agricultural Universities in the respective States during the Fourth Plan period.

**CO-OPERATIVE RICE MILLS IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

6364. SHRIMATI B. RADHABAI: Will the Minister of FOOD

AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many of the Co-operative Rice Mills installed in Andhra Pradesh are automatic and how many of them are of the conventional type; and

(b) how many are in working condition and whether they are running at a loss or profit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY):

(a) Out of 143 co-operative rice mills assisted so far, only one rice mill is modern/automatic and the remaining 142 are conventional sheller type.

(b) Of the 143 co-operative rice mills, 113 have been completely installed and almost all of them are in working condition. Most of the units have started working only last year and the information regarding their working results is not readily available.

#### SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

6365. SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is not yet self-sufficient in the production of modern agricultural implements; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to step up production of modern agricultural implements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). No Sir. The modern scientific agricultural implements are available at reasonable rates to farmers. Generally, improved agricultural implements are manufactured by both public sector and private sec-

tor undertakings. A large number of small fabricators also manufacture improved agricultural implements. Improved agricultural implements are also being manufactured in Government Workshops in Madras, Maharashtra, U.P., Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh. Agricultural implements considered useful for farmers in India are also imported for demonstration and trial purposes.

#### SELF SUFFICIENCY IN RICE

6366. SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is not yet self-sufficient in the production of rice;

(b) the extent of rice deficit at present;

(c) whether any special measures have been taken to wipe out this deficit within the next few years; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures taken?

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

(b) In the absence of a comprehensive survey regarding consumption of rice in different parts of the country and in view of the fact that the requirement of rice is also elastic to some extent depending on the availability of rice and other substitute foodstuffs, their comparative prices, levels of income, population growth and extent of urbanisation etc., it is not possible to estimate the exact requirements and consequently the extent of deficit. However, it may be mentioned that a total quantity of 4 lakh tonnes of rice is likely to be imported during 1968.

(c) and (d). Steps have been taken to increase the production of rice under the High-Yielding Varieties Programme and Multiple Cropping Programme. It is planned to bring a total