

near future on the recommendations of the I.C.A.R. Efforts are also made to multiply these seeds even in off-season in suitable tracts, so that in the event of a variety being found suitable for release, adequate quantities of seeds would be available at the time of release.

RISE IN WHEAT PRICE

6513. SHRI D. N. PATODIA:
SHRI KANWAR LAL
GUPTA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of wheat in Delhi, Punjab and other places has been rising during the current months; 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) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices have tended to show a rise on account of transport difficulties and fall in market arrivals due to rains.

WITHDRAWAL OF FOOD RATIONING FROM METROPOLITAN CITIES

6514. SHRI D. N. PATODIA:
Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the bumper crop has helped to withdraw rationing of foodgrains from the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the names of the cities wherefrom rationing has been withdrawn;

(c) whether the quantum of foodgrains issued through the ration shops has since been increased; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION

(SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):
(a) and (b). In the context of the improved food position, statutory rationing has been replaced by controlled distribution of foodgrains in three cities namely Delhi, Kanpur and Hyderabad-Secunderabad.

(c) State Governments have been advised to increase the overall ration quantum of cereals to 2500 grams per adult per week wherever statutory rationing is in force.

(d) Does not arise.

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

6515. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
ULAKA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR
MEENA:

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

(a) whether keeping in view the growing needs for agricultural credit in the context of the country's determination to achieve a breakthrough in agriculture, Government have considered the desirability of allocating more funds for rural credit and broad-basing the existing credit institutions in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the additional allocation for agricultural credit for 1968-69; and

(c) the progress which has so far been made in locating agricultural credit corporations in different States and the factors which are responsible for the slow progress in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):
(a) Government have considered the desirability of having more funds for the rural credit and also for broad-basing the existing credit institutions in the rural areas. Multi-agency approach for disbursement of agricultural credit has, therefore,