

wheat during 1966-67. The estimated coverage under these varieties during 1967-1968 was 14.9 million acres. The coverage under the programme during kharif 1968, is reported to be about 9.00 million acres.

(b) The area covered under this Programme so far is as below :

Year	Area covered (lakh acres)
1966-67	2.12
1967-68	2.98
1968-69	4.68
(kharif '68 only)	

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—2530/68].

(d) The information has been called for from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of Sabha as soon as received.

Smuggling of Foreign Sugar

3310. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) to what extent the price and sale of Indian sugar has been affected by the large quantity of Russian, Czechoslovakian and Polish sugar smuggled into our country via Nepal ;

(b) if so, what precise steps are Government taking to stop smuggling and to protect our sugar industry after adversely being affected by this large scale smuggling ; and

(c) the names of a dozen smugglers if caught and the quantity of sugar seized from each ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The extent to which the sale and price of Indian sugar has been affected by foreign sugar smuggled from Nepal cannot be accurately determined.

(b) Preventive patrolling and mobile checks have been intensified and officers posted at the border check posts have been alerted to be vigilant. All possible

effort to stop such smuggling and to prevent illicit entry of such sugar from Nepal are being made.

(c) The names of 12 of the persons caught in the act of smuggling with the quantity of sugar seized from each are given below :

Sl. No.	Name	Quantity seized in Kilogram
1.	Sheoanandan Sah	4150
2.	Sultan Mjan	1853
3.	Rajak Mian	800
4.	Sudama Tewari	500
5.	Ram Pd. Sah	400
6.	R. L. Rai	216
7.	H. Rajaram	215
8.	Kedar Prasad	120
9.	Asharfi Mahto	111
10.	Nand Lal Sah	95
11.	Karu Sah	86
12.	Basuman Mahto	80

Sinking of Tubewells in Madhya Pradesh

3311. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : SHRI G. C. DIXIT :

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

(a) the total number of tubewells proposed to be sunk in Madhya Pradesh during the Fourth Plan ;

(b) the number of tubewells installed in the years 1965-66, 1966-67 and 1967-68 in Madhya Pradesh, year-wise ;

(c) the amount of loans given by Government for private tubewells in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1965-66, 1966-67 and 1967-68, year-wise ; and

(d) statistic of tubewells installed in other States in 1967-68 State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The Central Working Group of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation has recommended construction of 10,000 private and 90 State tubewells in Madhya Pradesh during the Fourth Plan as