

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). There has been no month to month demand by the Kerala Government which however has, from time to time, been requesting adequate supplies to maintain a rice quantum of 160 grammes per day. The total quantity of rice despatched to Kerala depots during the period April to October 1968 was about 380 thousand tonnes.

(c) During the period April to October, 1968, 1.79 lakh tonnes of rice was imported in Kerala ports. The source-wise breakup is as follows :—

<i>Source</i>	<i>Quantity in lakh tonnes</i>
Thailand	1.12
Burma	0.54
U.A.R.	0.13
	1.79

FOOD PROCUREMENT

638. SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :

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

(a) whether the target for food procurement in the country during 1967-68 has been completed by the Food Corporation of India; and

(b) the target which was fixed and the quantity of foodgrains procured by the Food Corporation of India so far during this year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). No separate target of procurement of foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India has been fixed during 1967-68. Against the total procurement of about

4.0 million tonnes of kharif grains and 2.22 million tonnes of wheat by all agencies, procurement by the Corporation accounts for about 2.01 million tonnes of kharif grains and about 0.75 million tonnes of wheat. Besides wheat, the Corporation also procured 0.12 million tonnes of other rabi grains.

SHORTAGE OF FODDER IN VARIOUS STATES

639. SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :
SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI :

SHRI RAMAVTAR SHARMA :
SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI :

SHRI N. K. SANGHI :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great shortage of fodder in various States of the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that many cattle have died due to this shortage; and

(c) the help given by Central Government to the State to meet the shortage of fodder with State-wise detail ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The required information is being collected from the State Governments and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

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640. SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
SHRI RAM GOPAL SHALWALE :

SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI R. K. AMIN :
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :
SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA :