

Production and Procurement of Cereals in West Bengal

5113. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the revised estimate of cereal production in West Bengal in 1967-68 and share of rice in tonnes in the total;

(b) the estimated production of cereals (both rabi and kharif crops) in West Bengal in 1968-69 and share of rice in tonnes in the total;

(c) the internal procurement of rice in tonnes in 1968-69 and 1969-70;

(d) whether any scheme to procure the entire surplus stock of the big producers in West Bengal through the Food Corporation of India has been adopted by Government;

(e) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(f) the procurement policy of the Government in West Bengal for 1969-70 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) : The latest estimates are :

Cereals	53.75 lakh tonnes
Rice	52.08 lakh tonnes

(b) it is too early to frame such estimates.

(c) Procurement of rice during the kharif season 1968-69 has just started and up to 30-11-68 about 33,800 tonnes rice including paddy in terms of rice have been procured. It is too early to give any figure for crop year 1969-70 .

(d) and (e). Under the new procure-

ment policy adopted by Government for the crop season 1968-69, there is a graded levy on producers, the amount of levy increasing with the size of the holdings.

(f) The procurement policy for crop year 1969-70 will be formulated towards the end of 1969.

Supply of Milk to Delhi by Dudh Sagar Dairy at Mehsana (Gujarat)

5114. SHRI R. K. AMIN :
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Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Dudh Sagar Dairy of Mehsana in Gujarat State proposes to supply milk to Delhi to the Delhi Milk Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent it will help in clearing the waiting list of persons who have applied for token milk to the Delhi Milk Scheme ?

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

(b) Mehsana Milk Producers Cooperative Union has offered to supply the Delhi Milk Scheme 30,000 litres of whole milk per day for the present, and 80,000 to 1,00,000 litres per day in due course. Details are being worked out.

(c) It will certainly help in clearing the waiting list but; the position will be clear only after the arrangements have been worked out.

छोटा नागपुर में पंचायत राज्य योजना

5115. श्री भोला नाथ मास्टर : क्या साब तबा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सब है कि पंचायत राज