

**Agricultural Education**

2549. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of expenditure on agricultural education out of the total amount set apart for education in the Third Plan period;

(b) the proportion of pre-matric students which have taken advantage of agriculture as optional subject; and

(c) whether students trained in agricultural bias, Diploma Holders and Graduates and Post-Graduates have been given any incentive to take to agriculture as side or full-time occupation?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) and (b). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon it becomes available.

(c) No information is available. This concerns the State Governments.

**Import of Foodgrains**

2550. **Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**  
**Shri Basappa:**  
**Shri Indrajit Gupta:**  
**Shri D. J. Nalk:**  
**Dr. M. M. Das:**  
**Shri Rama Chandra Mallick:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed a target of 8 million tonnes of foodgrain imports during 1967;

(b) if so, the approximate amount of foodgrains to be imported from each country during the above period; and

(c) the total foodgrain imports proposed to be made under the Fourth Five Year Plan and how much of them will be imported by the end of 1967?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon):** (a) and (b). The target for the import of foodgrains in 1967 was fixed between 8 and 9 million tonnes on the basis of assessment of requirements in August/September this year. The requirements are, however, being re-assessed in the context of the latest food situation. The quantities to be imported from different countries would depend on the availabilities of foodgrains in various countries and the terms on which the supplies will be made by them.

(c) The question of total foodgrains imports during the Fourth Plan period is under the consideration of the Government and is closely linked with the projections about targets of agricultural production during the period. A quantity of about 84 lakh tonnes of foodgrains is expected to be imported from April to December, 1966. The position about proposals for imports for the period January to December, 1967, has been indicated in reply to parts (a) and (b) above.

**Research Centre for Studying Engineering aspects of Rice**

2551. **Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:**  
**Shri Basumatari:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a national centre for research training and co-ordination of all Engineering aspects of rice at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed centre and cost of the project; and

(c) the action taken in that regard?