

(d) It is difficult to give a quantitative estimate of the effect of these showers on the crops.

Procurement Prices of Wheat

5961. SHRI BENI SHANKER

SHARMA :

SHRI D.C. SHARMA :

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE :

SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI :

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

(a) whether the Agricultural Prices Commission has recommended a 9 per cent cut in procurement prices of wheat in 1969-70 as compared to those fixed last year ;

(b) whether the recommendation has been accepted ;

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement the same ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The Agricultural Prices Commission have recommended lower procurement prices of wheat for the 1969-70 rabi season as compared to those of last season. The reduction proposed for Mexican and common white varieties of wheat which accounts for bulk of the procurement is 8%.

(b) to (d). The matter is under active consideration of the Government of India.

Water Supply in Raniganj Coalfield

5962. SHRI DEVEN SEN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of rupees 25 lakhs was paid to Government of West Bengal as grant towards execution of an integrated scheme for water supply in Raniganj coalfield ; and

(b) if so, the position of the scheme now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme is under execution.

Agricultural State farm in West Godavari District

5963. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh have recently requested the Government of India to open an Agricultural State Farm in West Godavari District where land belonging to the State Government is available ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government of India thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expenditure on Agricultural Research

5964. SHRI Y.A. PRASAD : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent on the Agriculture Research during the last three years ending 1967-68 ;

(b) the share of the Centre and States in such research expenditure ; and

(c) the percentage of such expenditure on foodgrains and cash crops and proportionate income derived from these crops ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The total