

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) The position of implementation is satisfactory on the whole. Suitable action is taken under the law whenever any default is brought to the notice of the Inspecting officers or a dispute is raised.

(b) There are approximately 750 Collieries employing more than 4 lakh workers. Government do not compile information relating to bonus paid each year by various collieries.

**Food Target for the year 1969**

1769. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that food output this year is expected to cross the target of 100 million tonnes ;

(b) if so, the estimated output of food expected during the current year ;

(c) the extent to which import of foodgrains is likely to be reduced as a result thereof ; and

(d) the extent to which Government propose to allocate additional quota of foodgrains to the deficit States as a result of (a) above ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). It is too early to give any estimates of the production of foodgrains during 1969-70. These estimates are expected to be available only after the close of the current agricultural year, i.e. by July-August, 1970.

(c) Imports are necessary at present not only for meeting the current requirements of public distribution but also for building up a suitable buffer stock. The size of imports during 1970 has not yet been decided and therefore, it is not possible to say as yet

whether imports during 1970 will be lower than that of 1969 and, if so, to what extent.

(d) Allotment of foodgrains to the States from the Central pool will continue to be made on a monthly basis taking into account the availability in the Central pool and the relative needs of Government distribution in the different States. It is not possible at this stage to say whether the quotas during 1970 will be higher than those during 1969 and, if so, to what extent.

**Supply of TV Sets to M.Ps.**

1770. SHRI B. P. MANDAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is not a fact that last year a letter was sent to Members of Parliament proposing supply of Television Sets to them on hire-purchase basis ; and

(b) if so, whether that proposal still stands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING ; AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. A letter was sent to the Members of Parliament last year regarding a proposal to supply TV sets on hire.

(b) The proposal stands; but on account of non-availability of sets it has not been possible to offer sets on hire purchase basis. The limited number of sets that were available have been offered to those M.P.'s who had asked for outright purchase.

**उत्तर प्रदेश की पंचायतों के सचिवों की मांगें**

1771. श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा : क्या साहब तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में पंचायतों के सचिवों ने प्रधान मंत्री को एक