

(c) whether the Film Finance Corporation have considered setting up of their own theatres all over the country ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Corporation have spent Rs. 32,097.37 and have earned a commission of Rs. 3,106.71 so far.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Corporation have sent to the Government a scheme for setting up low-cost cinema houses in the country, which is under consideration.

#### Rise in Price of Foodgrains

744. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of foodgrains have lately increased ;

(b) if so, the comparative prices of different items in the beginning of the current year and at present and the percentage increase in each case ; and

(c) whether this increase is attributable to the low expectations of harvests during the ensuing season, if so, how the expected amount of groups during the ensuing season in respect of different items compared with the actual production of each item with the last Rabi season ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : According to the all India Index Numbers of wholesale prices the prices of rice, wheat and maize have shown a rise while the prices of jowar, bajra and gram (whole) have shown a decline.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) It is too early to give a precise estimate of the production of rabi crops in the forthcoming season. With the recent rains the production of the forthcoming rabi crops is expected to be better than the current season.

#### Statement

Commodity	Index as on		% extent of rise/fall in the latest indices over 3rd January, 1970
	31.70	14.2.70	
Rice	187.6	190.7	(+) 1.7
Wheat	220.7	228.4	(+) 3.5
Jowar	190.4	190.3	(-) 0.1
Bajra	177.0	176.5	(-) 0.3
Maize	207.3	212.6	(+) 2.6
Gram (whole)	317.4	308.1	(-) 2.9

#### Implementation of Procurement Programmes in respect of Foodgrains

745. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) how far the procurement programmes in respect of different foodgrains were imple-

mented in each State through the Food Corporation of India, or otherwise, during 1969 ;

(b) the details of the food procurement plan during the forthcoming rabi season and in which of the States the programmes would be organised by the Food Corporation of India ; and