

Per Capita Availability of Foodgrains

738. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN :
SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH :

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

(a) the per capita availability of food-grains from the indigenous resources during the last two years (1968 and 1969), State-wise, and on all India basis ;

(b) whether the per capita availability in these years is less than that in 1965, if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the estimated per capita availability during 1970 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The all-India per capita availability from indigenous production during 1968 and 1969 was 158.7 and 153.1 kgs. respectively. For calculating State-wise availability from indigenous resources, besides production, it is necessary to take into account movement on trade account, procurement by Centre and allocations from the Central Pool. In the absence of complete data on movement by trade and also because of the fact that the Central Pool allocations comprise both internally procured and imported grains, and since the break-up of the Central allocations between imported and indigenous grains is not always available on a State-wise basis, it is not possible to give State-wise per capita availability from indigenous sources alone.

(b) The per capita availability from indigenous resources in the country as a whole during these years was less than that during 1965. Although production in 1968 and 1969 was higher than that during 1965 the per capita availability was lower because the increase in population that had taken place since 1965. It has also to be taken into account that 1965 (1964-65) was an exceptionally good year for production.

(c) The all-India per capita net availability of foodgrains from indigenous production during 1970 is estimated at 158.1 Kgs.

**Reimbursement of Damages to Farmers
For Defective Tractors Imported
from G. D. R.**

739. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA :

SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers are returning the purchased defective German Tractors and Demanding tractors money back or a new tractor of different make ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) There are certain complaints about the performance of G.D.R. Tractors and farmers in a few States are generally demanding their money back or replacement of these tractors with other makes of tractors.

(b) A series of discussions have been held by the Ministry of FACD and C (Department of Agriculture) with the G.D.R. Delegation and the State Trading Corporation. The G.D.R. Suppliers have agreed to replace free of cost defective components by new modified components in all the tractors sold to the farmers or held in stocks by the State Agro-Industries Corporations. They have also agreed to extend the warranty period suitably. Five modified tractors are already under field tests at different places with a view to assessing the overall utility of these tractors for Indian conditions. One more tractor has also been sent to the Budni Station for test. The G.D.R. Suppliers have also brought in three plane loads of spare parts and new modified components for immediate supply on demand to the State Agro-Industries Corporations. They have also augmented the team of their technicians by another 15 qualified persons, thus raising the total number of technicians to about 30. Besides a large number of Indian technicians are employed with the approval of Agro-Industries Corporations concerned in order to expedite the process of modifications. It is expected that a majority of tractors in the hands of the farmers will be modified by December end. The performance is being closely watched. A final view can be taken after the programme of modification has been completed and tested under field conditions.