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Attacks on Media Personnels

(In Million Tonnes)

83. SHRI E. AHAMED :
SHRI MOHAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of attacks on media/journalists and press photographers took place in the country during each of the last years, till-date, State-wise;

(b) the number of journalists and photographers died/injured in such attacks during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the number of persons arrested and charged sheeted during the said period, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent such attacks on media journalists/press photographers?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) to (d) According to the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. As such, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The information sought in the question in regard to the incidents of attacks on media/journalists and press photographers is not maintained at the Central level.

[Translation]

Utilisation of Foodgrains Stocks

84. SHRI AJIT JOGI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stock of foodgrains available in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India is more than the requirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate a scheme for its optimum utilisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The stock position of Wheat and Rice in the Central Pool maintained by Food Corporation of India (FCI) as on 1st January, 1999, as compared to the minimum Buffer Stocking levels prescribed for 1st January, 1999, are as under :-

	Rice	Wheat	Total
Stock as on 1.1.99	11.7	12.7	24.4
Buffer Stocking norms as on 1.1.99	8.4	8.4	16.8

(c) and (d) The stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool are utilised for distribution under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS), including supply to Bhutan, armed forces, paramilitary forces and various Welfare Schemes. Depending upon the availability, foodgrains are also disposed of through Open Sale Schemes, as a market intervention measure and also for exports. A quantity of 40 lakh tonnes of wheat has been earmarked for release to States/UTs under open sale at fixed prices during the period December, 1998 to March, 1999. As procurement during current Kharif Marketing Season in much lower than last year and the stocks as on 1.10.99 will be marginally above the buffer norms, there is no open sale of rice.

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Status of CIPET

85. SHRI P.S. GHATOWAR : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the status of the Central Industry of Plastic Enquiry and Technology which proposed to be established in Assam;

(b) whether any decision or clarification required from State Government is still pending;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the land for the centre has been identified; and

(e) if so, the time schedule for completion of the permanent infrastructure for the centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL) : (a) to (e) The proposal for setting up of a fullfledged CIPET Extension Centre at Guwahati in the State of Assam at an estimated cost of Rs. 10.35 crores is at an advanced stage. The cost of the project is to be shared equally on 50:50 basis by the Govt. of India & the State Govt. of Assam towards capital and revenue expenditure during the project stage. Necessary budgetary provision for setting up of this Centre has been made in the budget 1998-99. The Govt. of Assam has already communicated their