

indigenously produced. A Central Fertiliser Pool consisting of imported fertilisers is operated by the Central Government. The retail prices of fertilisers distributed from the Pool are fixed by the Central Government. The Central Fertiliser Pool is meant to operate on a no-loss-no-profit basis and provides for a periodical review of the financial position of the Pool. One such review is being made

(b) and (c). There was a steep increase in the prices of fertilisers, amounting on an average to 80 per cent, made with effect from the 1st June, 1974, caused by an enormous increase in the cost of imported fertilisers. To protect the interests of the small farmers in regard to purchase of fertilisers, the Government have increased the limit of production credit which can be availed of by the cultivators. In the areas covered by the Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Project, there is also a provision for marginal farmers having holdings up to one hectare, getting subsidies for inputs upto 33-1/3 per cent, subject to

a maximum of Rs. 100/- per season and Rs. 200/- spread over two seasons in one year or two years.

Levy received from rice millers and Small producers

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PANDE;
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state the levy Government has received from the rice millers and small producers in all the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha showing the procurement of rice and paddy, State-wise, during the current kharif marketing season, 1974-75, which includes levy received from millers/traders in respect of rice and from producers of paddy, in accordance with the rates prescribed in different States.

Statement

Statement showing the procurement of rice and paddy Statewise during the current kharif marketing season, 1974-75.

(In Thousands tonnes)

STATE	Procurement 1974-75		
	Rice	Paddy	Total Rice (including paddy in terms of Rice) (As per information on 5-3-1975)
1 Andhra Pradesh	344	277	496
2 Assam	..	129	86
3 Bihar	26	34	48
4 Gujarat	..	15	10
5 Haryana	231	Neg.	231
6 Jammu & Kashmir	..	36	24
7 Karnataka	..	117	78
8 Kerala	..	23	15
9 Madhya Pradesh	46	116	124
10 Maharashtra	..	80	57
11 Orissa	22	18	84
12 Punjab	689	265	865
13 Rajasthan	..	12	8
14 Tamil Nadu	..	480	317
15 Uttar Pradesh	238	3	240
16 West Bengal	70	116	147
17 Others	1	17	12
TOTAL	1667	1688	2792