

There has been delay in depositing the deductions with the LIC which is stated to be due to late receipt/non-receipt of the schedules of demand from the Life Insurance Corporation of India.

Varieties and quantities of Foodgrains Imported from U.S.A. Under PL-480

*908. SHRI SHANKARRAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what varieties and what quantities of foodgrains were imported from the U.S.A. under PL-480 agreement during 1970-71, 1971-72 and 1972-73; and

(b) what amounts were paid or have to be paid for these foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). The foodgrain imported from U.S.A. under P.L.-480 during 1970-71 and 1971-72 was only wheat. No foodgrain was imported from U.S.A. under P.L.-480 during 1972-73.

The quantities of wheat imported and estimated cost thereof during these three years are as under:

Year	Quantity (In '000 tons)	Cost (In lakh Rs.)
1970-71 . .	1795.3	7346.7
1971-72 . .	842.0	3900.3
1972-73 . .	nil	nil

Representation of Farmers in Agricultural Prices Commission

*909. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to ensure proper representation of farmers in the Agricultural Prices Commission; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). The Government has already constituted a Panel of Farmers for advising the Commission. Government is also considering various suggestions made by Members of Parliament and others on the reconstitution of the Commission. But no final decision has yet been reached in the matter.

Committee for Sports Development

*910. SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to appoint a Committee to go into the various aspects of the sports development in the country and suggest measures for improving the standard of sports and games; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to appoint a Committee.

Government, however, proposes to strengthen the All India Council of Sports to enable the same to take appropriate measures for the promotion of games and sports. The matter is under consideration.

बूहों के कारण अन्न संकट में वृद्धि

*911 श्री बिरंजीव ना :

श्री धर्मराव अफजलपुरकर :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान पटना से प्रकाशित हिन्दी "प्रदीप" के 10 मार्च, 1973

के संस्करण में बूझों के कारण भ्रम संकेत में वृद्धि शीघ्र से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब पी० शिन्डे) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) किसानों और अन्य एजेंटियों को जोकि छायाओं का भण्डारण करती हैं, मेषक नियन्त्रण के वैज्ञानिक तरीकों से शिक्षित करने के लिए एक देशव्यापी कार्यक्रम अर्थात् 'अनाज सुरक्षा अभियान' चलाया गया है। इस कार्यक्रम को और तेज किया जा रहा है।

Conversion of Welfare Extension Projects into Integrated Family and Child Welfare Projects

*912. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 31 Welfare Extension Projects and one Integrated Demonstration Child Welfare Project in Madhya Pradesh have been converted into integrated family and child welfare projects;

(b) if so, main features of such projects;

(c) whether these projects are to be run by the Centre; and

(d) the total amount earmarked for the projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Family & Child Welfare Project consists of one main centre and five sub-centres which provide integrated services to children, specially the pre school children, and basic training to women in home-craft,

mother-craft, health education, nutrition and child-care.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A sum of Rs. 22 lakhs (approximately) is earmarked for the projects in Madhya Pradesh during 1973-74.

Steel missing from the site of Fly Over at Safdarjang, New Delhi

*915. SHRI B. S. BHURA:
SHRI M. S. SIVASWAMY:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the reported news in "Indian Express" dated the 4th April, 1973 stating that 50 tonnes of steel have been found missing from the site of Safdarjung fly over, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been investigated; and

(c) the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately 56 M.T. steel was found short upon physical checking. The matter has been reported to Police for detailed investigations

(c) Investigations are still in progress.

Introduction of Diploma Course in Central University

*918. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to introduce a diploma course in Journalism in the Central Universities; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and