

of U.P. the State was given an enhanced allocation for October, 1974, and the same level of allocation has been maintained for November, 1974.

United States Educational Foundation in India

*6. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI:

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States Educational Foundation in India has lately been meeting regularly along with Indian Government nominees on it and has submitted a note to the U.G.C. and thus has been reactivated;

(b) if so, contents of the said note; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (P.R.C.F. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) to (c). The management and direction of the affairs of the United States Educational Foundation in India is vested in a Board of Directors, which includes nominees of the Government of India. The Board has been meeting four times a year as provided in its Bye-laws and the question of its reactivation does not arise. The Foundation has not submitted any note to the University Grants Commission. However, in July, 1972, the Foundation suggested to the Commission that a meeting of Indian and American Scholars be arranged under the Chairmanship of the Chairman University Grants Commission, to review the question of the academic exchanges under the Fulbright programmes. On a reference from the Commission, the proposal was approved by the Government of India and the meeting was held in New Delhi on January 7-10-1974.

खाद्य वितरण व्यवस्था में परिवर्तन

*7. श्री शिव कुमार शास्त्री : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रों यह बताने का कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) खाद्य वितरण व्यवस्था में कुछ समय पहले किये गये परिवर्तनों का क्या परिणाम निकला : और

(ख) क्या उनमें कुछ और परिवर्तन करने का सरकार का विचार है और यदि हाँ, तो उनका स्वरूप क्या है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अणासाहिब पी० शिन्डे) : (क) और (ख) . सरकारी वितरण प्रणाली कई वर्षों से राज्य सरकारों के अधीन चलाई जा रही है , राज्य सरकारें राज्यों के अन्दर स्थित उच्च मूल्य की दुकानों पर अपना नियंत्रण रखती हैं और उनकी देख-भाल करती हैं । सरकारी वितरण प्रणाली के दायरों और उसके कार्य क्षेत्र की सरकार द्वारा नियत कालिक समीक्षा की जाती है । उन्हें समय समय पर यह परामर्श किया जाता है कि वे खाद्य वितरण प्रणाली के कार्यचालन में सुधार लाने के लिए उपाय करें ।

Allocation of foodgrains to Gujarat, Rajasthan and Orissa

*8. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: SHRI ARJUN SETHI:

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

(a) the foodgrains allocation from the Central Pool to the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Orissa for October and November 1974; and

(b) whether there have been requests from these States for higher allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Statement

Allocation of foodgrains from the Central Pool for October and November, 1974, to the Govts., of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Orissa.

(In thousand tones)

State :	Allotment		
	October, 1974	November, 1974	
Gujarat .	Rice	2.0	2.0
	Wheat	42.0	47.0
	Coarse-grains	33.0	33.0
Rajasthan .	Wheat	12.0	17.0
	Coarsegrains	18.3	18.3
Orissa .	Rice	3.3	—
	Wheat	20.0	25.0

Starvation deaths on Cooch Behar Railway Station, West Bengal

*9. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE:

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

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the starvation deaths of sixteen persons on the railway station of Cooch Behar in West Bengal; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (Shri Annasaheb P. Sinde). (a) The Government of West Bengal have reported that some destitutes took shelter on the platform of the New Cooch Behar railway station after the recent floods in that area and that a few persons among them died on account of diseases and malnutrition.

(b) The State Health Department deputed 23 Doctors, 63 Sanitary Inspectors, the State Nutrition Officer, an Epidemiologist and a Special Epidemiological investigation team from the Cholera Research Centre to Cooch Behar. The situation is reported to be under control. The State Government have also organized test works and the distribution of gratuitous relief on an adequate scale in this area.

Starvation deaths in Golokganj (Assam)

*10. SHRI NOORUL HUDA:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that hundreds of people had collapsed in the streets of Golokganj in Assam recently because of starvation; and

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