

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?