

question of sanctioning the harbour is under consideration. On approval, the Project will be fully financed by the Central Government.

(b) The Project envisages construction of a wharf of 200 metres in length with a dredged depth of 2 metres. Provision for a boat building yard, slipway and other shore facilities like auction hall, water supply, office building, etc. has been made.

#### **Production of Foodgrain during Rabi Season**

\*297. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI : Will the minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the food production in the Rabi Season of this year ; and

(b) how does it compare with the production of the same season of last year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Firm estimate of production of rabi foodgrains in the country during 1971-72 is not yet available. However, according to information available so far, the production of wheat is likely to be higher than the record level of 23.2 million tonnes reached in 1970-71, while the output of some of the other rabi grains may be lower.

#### **Running of Aligarh Muslim University without Government's help**

\*298. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the activities of some of Muslim Organisations who propose to work out a plan to run the Aligarh Muslim University without Government help in order to retain its minority character ;

(b) whether the Muslim League of India in its recent conference appointed committee for the purpose ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) and (b). According to a Press Report, the Working Committee of the Indian Union Muslim League in its meeting held on June 23, 1972, appointed a 9 member sub-committee to examine the prospects of running the University as an aided institution, instead of its being completely financed by the Government, so that it could be maintained purely as a Muslim University managed by the Muslims for their benefit.

(c) No Organisation has so far approached the Government with a plan to run the University without Government's help.

#### **Loss in purchase of Gram by F. C. I. in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan during current Rabi Season**

\*299. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has suffered colossal loss in commercial purchase of gram in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan in current rabi season ;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been made into this ; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Most of the stocks of gram which were purchased by the Food Corporation of India from the mandis and the State Farms/Corporation on commercial basis are still with them and the financial results of the operations will be known only after the stocks are disposed of.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### **Reaction of States to New Sugar Policy**

\*300. SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :