

(c) whether it is a fact that the Corporation has chalked out a detailed programme in collaboration with the World Bank to attain self-sufficiency in the production of high yielding varieties of seeds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) to (d). The National Seeds Corporation deals primarily with foundation and certified seeds, for which there is a limited but growing demand in the country. The bulk of the demand for seeds is met by the farmers themselves who take good care to retain sufficient quantities of their produce which could be used by them as reliable seed, particularly in the case of self-pollinated crops, such as wheat and paddy. During the year 1977-78, the National Seeds Corporation made available 4.18 lakh quintals of certified seeds of the major cereal crops.

The Government of India in consultation with the States have evolved a programme to meet the country-wide requirements of high quality certified seeds. The World Bank have agreed to fund this programme in large measure.

The programme envisages adequate production of breeder seeds, foundation seeds and certified seeds, creation of necessary infrastructure therefor, independent quality control agencies in the States and setting up

of State Seed Corporations, coordinated inter-State marketing by the National Seeds Corporation, the establishment of a reserve stock of seeds at the national level to meet shortfalls in years of inadequate supplies and the sponsoring of research and trial in the production of breeder and foundation seed of vegetables.

Demand and Supply of Foodgrains to Gujarat

664. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL:
SHRI CHITUBHAI GAMIT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) what was the demand of Gujarat State for Jawar, Bajra, Rice Maize and Wheat for the years 1975-76 1976-77 and 1977-78;

(b) what was the quantity supplied against this requirement;

(c) if it was less than the requirement, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to fulfil the requirements of State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). The position regarding demands received from the Gujarat Government for foodgrains from the Central Pool, the allocations made against the demands and the actual offtake by the State

Govt. against the allocations made, is as under:—

(Figures in lakhs Tonnes) —

Year	Demand			Allotment			% Of take			
	Rice	Wheat	G.G.	Rice	Wheat	C.G.	Rice	Wheat	G.G.	
1975-76	1.75	5.58	2.90	0.43	5.02	0.52	0.43	3.94	0.44	
1976-77	..	1.02	0.20	..	11.02	0.24	..	0.87	0.17	
1977-78	0.13	3.88	2.49	0.13	3.88	1.08	0.06	2.35	1.14	
% position upto 15-3-1978										

*C.G. —Coarse grains (Jawar, Bajra, Maize, Milo—category-wise figures not available).

(c) Allocations of foodgrains were being made on a month to month basis taking into account, the demands received from the State Govt. every month, the availability of stocks with the State Government, from local procurement etc., the availability of stocks in the Central pool, the offtake by the State Govt., against the earlier Central allocations, the relative needs of the other States/Union Territories, the market availability and other relevant factors. Keeping in view the factors mentioned above, the allotment of foodgrains was made to the State Govt. to the maximum extent possible.

(d) The demands of the State Government for rice and wheat are fully met at present. It has, however, been not possible to meet the requirements of Coarsegrains of the State Government. The stocks of imported milo in the Central Pool have been mostly exhausted and there have been no imports since. The internal procurement of coarsegrains is made by the F.C.I. only as a price support measure

and there has been practically no procurement by the F.C.I. for the Central Pool so far. The State Government, however, have been advised that additional quantities of wheat could be allotted from the Central Pool, in lieu of Milo/other coarsegrains, if the State Government so desire.

Aid from New Zealand for Dairy Industry

*669. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHER-IEF: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government have held any negotiations with the Government of New Zealand recently for the development of dairy industry in India; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.