

(b) Introduction of high-yielding varieties of paddy over fairly large areas since the beginning of 1966-67 and Multiple Cropping Programme for raising two or even three crops of paddy in areas where usually one or two crops were grown before are some of the concrete steps being taken under the new agricultural strategy for attaining self-sufficiency in rice production by the end of 1970-71

**Committee on problems of Sugarcane Industry in the South**

\*1368. Shri Marandi:

Shri Bagnvir Singh Shastri:  
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:  
Shri Parthasarathy:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the setting up of a Sugar Research Institute in the South has been recommended by the Central Government Committee which was asked to go into the problems of the Sugarcane Industry in the Deccan and South India;

(b) the other recommendations made by the Committee, and

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde):

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) A statement showing the summary of conclusions and recommendations made by the Committee is laid on the Table of the Sabha [Placed in Library, See No LT-1177/67].

(c) The report is under examination of the Government.

**Food Allocation to Deficit States**

\*1369. Shri G. S. Mishra:

Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of food allocation by the Centre for the month of July for those States which are very much affected by droughts; and

(b) the total deficit in those States and the measures which have been suggested by the Centre to overcome the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). Of the States which were affected by drought last year, Bihar and U.P. were the hardest hit. In the absence of any reliable estimate of consumption of foodgrains it is not possible to indicate the deficit in these States. However, keeping in view the overall availability with the Centre and the minimum needs of other deficit States, supplies of foodgrains to these two States are being arranged on as large a scale as possible. For July, Bihar has been allotted 2.1 lakh tonnes of foodgrains and U.P. 91,000 tonnes.

**Supply of Rice by Andhra Government**

\*1370. Shri Parthasarathy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government have agreed to supply 600,000 tonnes of rice for this year to the Central pool; and

(b) the other surplus States that promised to supply to the Central Pool and what are the quantities fixed for them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) In April, 1967, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had agreed to supply to the Centre 6 lakh tonnes rice during the current year. They have since reduced the quantity to 5 lakh tonnes.