

(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.

(b) Orissa promised out right supply of 75,000 tonnes of rice and agreed to consider supply of some more rice in exchange for wheat Punjab promised 6 lakh tonnes of all foodgrains No other State gave any definite promise

Production of Tobacco

*1371 Shri G. S. Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

- (a) the State which produces maximum quantity of tobacco,
- (b) the different bodies which promote the production and export of tobacco and
- (c) the steps being taken to remove the slump in the market?

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

(b) State Agriculture Departments are primarily responsible for tobacco production. The Indian Tobacco Development Council consisting of representatives of the Centre, the States and the growers etc with headquarters at Madras has been set up by the Government of India to look after development and marketing functions in relation to tobacco. The Regional Office Tobacco Development at Madras under the Central Department of Agriculture assists the Tobacco Development Council in the implementation of development programmes. The Tobacco Export Promotion Council under the Ministry of Commerce looks after all matters relating to promotion of exports

(c) There has been slump in the market of sundried (Natu) country tobacco in Andhra Pradesh where a stock of about 10 million kgs had accumulated. It is reported that the stock now remaining unsold is not more than 5 million Kgs. The

following measures are being considered to clear the stocks:—

- (i) Survey of the stock to find the saleable quantity and quality
- (ii) Persuasion of cigarette, bidi and cheroot manufacturers to buy a portion of saleable quantity. Due to labour trouble in Calcutta, a company which buys about 3 to 5 million Kilograms annually did not enter the market at all, which caused serious upset. It is understood that this firm is likely to enter the market very soon
- (iii) exploring the possibility of export of Syria and U A R

Procurement of Foodgrains by Food Corporation of India

*1372. Shri Madhu Limay:
Shri S. M. Banerjee
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia
Shri George Fernandes.

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the surplus States are resisting the attempts to procure foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India on a large scale in such States because the prices are not remunerative,

(b) whether the surplus States have asked the Central Government to procure for them essential manufactured commodities at a reasonable rate or at parity with the procurement prices and

(c) if so the response of the Central and State Governments concerned thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.