

(c) if so, the decision on this and other suggestions of the panel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is under consideration by the National Integration Council.

Unemployment in the Country

*1306. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated number of unemployed persons in urban and rural areas, separately, at the end of 1950-51, 1955-56, 1960-61, 1965-66 and 1968-69 ;

(b) the employment target of the Fourth Five Year Plan for urban and rural areas separately ; and

(c) the estimated number of unemployed persons at the end of Fourth Five Year Plan Period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) to (c). Reliable estimates are not available. The Planning Commission have set up a Committee of Experts on Unemployment Estimates in August 1968 to examine and make suitable recommendations on various aspects of unemployment and under-employment in the country including the methodology of estimating the labour force, employment and unemployment. The work of the Committee is in progress.

Increase in prices of wheat and wheat products

*1307. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have increased the prices of wheat and wheat products from March, 1969;

(b) if so, the amount of rise in prices;

(c) whether this is the sixth time during the past four years that Government have increased wheat prices; and

(d) the reasons for increasing the prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir. It has, however, been decided to revise the issue prices of wheat and wheat products with effect from 4th May, 1969.

(b) The revised issue price of wheat is Rs. 78.00 per quintal for all varieties as against the existing issue prices of red wheat at Rs. 70.00, white wheat at Rs. 85.00 and superior wheat at Rs. 95.00 per quintal. The issue prices of wheat products would have to be correspondingly revised.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Mainly to reduce gradually the burden of subsidy on the National Exchequer which was involved in the subsidised distribution of wheat from the Central stocks. It would also narrow down the gap between the open market prices of wheat and the sale price of wheat at fair price shops.

Integrated Agricultural Policies of Centre and States

*1308. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the desirability of integrating agricultural policies of both the Centre and the State Government in the field of agricultural education extension and research has been examined;

- (b) if so, with what results ; and
 (c) the decision taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes.

(b) Education Commission set up by the Government of India recommended that at least one Agricultural University per State should be established with complete integration of teaching, reserch and extension.

(c) The Government of India have since decided as part of the National Policy on Education to establish at least one Agricultural University per State.

Supply Of Fertilisers To States

*1309. SHRI R. K. BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any phased programme has been chalked out by the Central

Government to supply fertilisers to the states;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the quantity of fertilisers proposed to be supplied to Rajasthan during the next three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION. (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The targets of consumption of fertilisers have been drawn up statewide up to the year 1973-74 as well as the estimates of indigenous production and import requirements. Thus, there is a national supply programme. The actual quantities to be supplied to each state by the Central Government in any particular year would depend upon the stocks at the beginning of the given year, requirements of fertilisers for agricultural production programmes for that year and the quantities to be picked up by the distribution agencies in the States from indigenous manufacturers. Such annual supply plan for each State is made on year to year basis.

- (c) The programme of fertilisers to Rajasthan during 1969-70 will be as follows :

(Figures in tonnes)

	Nitrogen	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O
(i) Total requirements for 1969-70.	36,000	11,670	3,000
(ii) Estimated stock on 1. 4. 69.	7,800	3,300	900
(iii) Net requirements.	28,200	8,370	2,100
(iv) Expected supply from indigenous production.	22,000	7,000	—
(v) Expected supply from the Central Fertiliser pool.	6,200	1,370	2,100