

Agricultural Prices Commission

*278. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Prices Commission has made any recommendations regarding the price policy to be followed by Government during the Fourth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are those recommendations; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) The Agricultural Prices Commission has been making recommendations on price policy for different crops from season to season. For the Fourth Plan period as a whole, it has not made any recommendations.

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

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*279. श्री प्रकाश बोर शास्त्री : क्या बिधि मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या चुनाव में, राजनीतिक दलों और स्वतन्त्र रूप में चुनाव लड़ने वाले उम्मीदवारों को चुनाव चिह्न देने के बारे में कोई अन्तिम निर्णय कर लिया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह क्या है ?

बिधि मंत्री (श्री गोपाल स्वर्ण पाठक) :

(क) जहाँ तक कि राजनीतिक पार्टियों को निर्वाचन प्रतीकों के आवंटन का संबंध है, निर्वाचन आयोग को ऐसी किसी बात की जानकारी नहीं है जिस में "अन्तिम विनिश्चय" की अपेक्षा हो।

निर्देशीय अभ्यर्थियों को प्रतीकों के आवंटन के बारे में, आयोग में यह प्रस्थापना की गई है कि आमतौर पर उम्र मुक्त

प्रतीक का हकदार होना चाहिए जो कि उसे पूर्व अवसर पर आवंटित था। आयोग इस प्रस्थापना पर विचार कर रहा है। सरकार निर्वाचन लड़ने वाले किसी निर्देशीय अभ्यर्थी को "मुक्त" प्रतीक आवंटित किए जाने के विरुद्ध नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Import of Rice

*280. **Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made arrangements with Latin American countries regarding the procurement of rice to meet the shortage in deficit areas;

(b) the possibilities of supply of rice forthcoming from Burma and Thailand; and

(c) the other rice-producing countries which have been approached in this behalf and with what results?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) Some quantities of rice have been purchased from Brazil, Ecuador and Guyana during the current year to meet our rice shortage.

(b) and (c). The Government are at present exploring the possibilities of importing rice from U.S.A., Burma, Thailand, Cambodia and U.A.R. during 1967. For this purpose the quantities likely to be available in each of these countries are being ascertained.

Electoral Rolls

*281. **Shri B. K. Das:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electoral Rolls for the next General Elections have been finalised;