

tral Fertiliser Pool was from practically all the States, and for Urea, Ammonium Sulphate, C. A. N., D. A. P. and N. P. K. The increased demand arose mainly because of two factors :—

- (a) Domestic production of fertilisers was less than what was anticipated.
- (b) Mounting of massive Rabi and Rabi summer programmes in 1971-72 due to favourable weather conditions.

The Government of India are taking all possible measures to meet the increased demand for fertilisers. Endeavours are being made to advance the deliveries of imported fertilisers and to secure as much quantities as possible to meet the enhanced requirements. Steps are also being taken to increase the domestic production of fertilisers by making fuller utilisation of the existing units. In the first ten months of 1971-72 the supply of fertilisers from the Central Fertiliser Pool and domestic production was 76% and 10% above the supplies made in the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Area under Irrigation and high Yielding varieties of Seeds

2301. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the areas under high-yielding variety of seed, State-wise and year-wise from 1968-69 to 1970-71 ;

(b) the areas under high-yielding variety of seed as a proportion of net-cropped area State-wise and year-wise from 1968-69 to 1970-71 ;

(c) the areas with irrigation facilities, State-wise in 1966-67, 1968-69 and 1970-71 and areas with irrigation facilities as a proportion of net cropped area State-wise, in 1966-67, 1968-69 and 1970-71 ; and

(d) areas sown more than once, State-wise in 1966-67, 1968-69 and 1970-71 and areas sown more than once as a proportion of net cropped area, State-wise in 1966-67, 1968-69 and 1970-71 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b).

Information relating to the years 1968-69 and 1969-70, given in statement I are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1694/72] Information regarding net-cropped area for 1970-71 has not yet become available.

(c) and (d). The data on net area sown and irrigated area are collected as a part of land use statistics and become available with some time lag. The latest available all-India data on land utilisation relates to the year 1969-70. Statements II, III and IV giving net irrigated area, not sown area and area sown more than once for the years 1966-67, 1968-69 and 1969-70 are laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1694/72]

Production and Availability of Food-grains

2302. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) production of rice, wheat, other cereals and pulses in India in 1970-71 and 1971-72 ;

(b) production of rice, wheat, other cereals and pulses, State-wise, in 1968-69, 1969-70 and 1970-71 ;

(c) per capita daily availability of cereals, pulses and total foodgrains in 1970 and 1971 ; and

(d) the volume of surplus or deficit in cereals and total foodgrains in 1970-71 and 1971-72 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) A Statement (No. I) showing all-India Final Estimates of production of rice, wheat, other cereals and pulses for the year 1970-71 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1695/72] Final estimates of production for the year 1971-72 will become available at the close of the agricultural year, i.e., sometime in July-August, 1972.

(b) A Statement (No. II) showing State-wise estimates of production of rice, wheat, other cereals and pulses for the years 1968-69,

1969-70 and 1970-71 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1695/72].

(c) Average per capita daily availability of cereals, pulses and total foodgrains in the country in 1970 and 1971 is estimated as follows :—

Year	(In grams)		
	Cereals	Pulses	Total food-grains
1970	403.5	51.9	455.4
1971 (Provisional)	416.6	50.4	467.0

Per capita availability has been estimated taking into account production, requirements for seed, feed and wastage, net imports, changes in Government stocks and population

(d) It is not possible to indicate quantitatively the volume of surplus or deficit in cereals and total foodgrains, but during the year 1971 the total availability of foodgrains in the country was adequate to meet the internal consumption requirements. Import of foodgrains on concessional terms has been stopped from the end of 1971.

Expenditure on Construction Work in Big City Areas

2303. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred through his Ministry for each category of construction works during the years from 1969-70 to 1971-72, in (1) Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Area, (2) Greater Bombay, (3) Greater Delhi and (4) Madras ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : A statement showing the expenditure incurred on construction works by the Central Public Works Department during the years from 1969-70 to 1971-72 in the cities in question is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1696/72].

Literacy

2304. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL

WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Districts in each State, where percentage of literacy is (i) below 15 per cent and (ii) below 20 per cent ;

(b) the percentage of literates among (i) males and (ii) females in the (i) Urban and (ii) rural areas, Statewise in 1961 and 1971 ; and

(c) the total amount of money sanctioned and disbursed by the Centre, State-wise and year-wise, from 1969 to 1971 on account of the promotion of adult literacy and the amount of money actually spent by each State, year-wise, from 1969 to 1971 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) to (c). Statements are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT—1697/72]

Return of Money Advanced to D. D. A., Under Low Income Group

2305. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has made a plan on lottery basis by getting a deposit of Rs. 500 for the Low Income Groups ;

(b) if so, whether there are a number of persons who have deposited Rs. 500 long back and have not yet got their money back ; and

(c) if so, whether Government would arrange to return their deposits together with interest without any further delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 1100 persons have not yet taken back the money although cheques have been kept ready for them.