

**Price Paid to Punjab Farmers by
F.C.I. for Purchase of Rice**

897. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA
RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD AND
CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the price a farmer in Punjab gets for one quintal of medium fine and super fine varieties of rice/paddy he gives to Food Corporation of India;

(b) whether these prices are higher than the prices paid to farmers in other States; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c). Only paddy is procured by the Food Corporation of India from farmers in the country, including Punjab, at the uniform support prices fixed by the Central Government. The support prices for paddy for the 1984-85 Kharif marketing season are Rs. 137, Rs. 141 and Rs. 145 per quintal for the common, fine and superfine varieties, respectively. Rice is procured by the Food Corporation of India from millers/dealers, only, under statutory levy, and not from farmers.

Production of Milk and Eggs

898. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to increase the production of milk and eggs;

(b) if so, the schemes launched in various States to increase the production of milk and eggs;

(c) the achievements made in this regard in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years; and

(d) the facilities provided so far in Madhya Pradesh for the proper medicare of the livestock under Centrally sponsored scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of Central Sector schemes being implemented in various states to increase the production of milk and eggs is given in the statement below.

(c) The estimated production of milk and eggs in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years are given below :

Year	Milk (thousand tonnes)	Eggs (million number)
1982-83	2510	560
1983-84	2640	600
1984-85	2784	700

(d) The facilities provided in Madhya Pradesh for the proper medicare of the livestock under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes are :

- (i) Rinderpest Surveillance and containment vaccination;
- (ii) Food and Mouth Disease control;
- (iii) Systematic Control of Livestock Diseases of National Importance; and
- (iv) An Epidemiological Unit under "Animal Disease Surveillance" Scheme.

An amount of Rs. 43.97 lakh has been released to the State under these Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the Sixth Five Year Plan.