

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15. Orissa		97.86	12.8a	24.50	7.50	6.63	40.97
16. Punjab		1044.29	409.31	88.00	—	165.83	127.16
17. Rajasthan		309.00	341.00	51.40	8.00	122.50	—
18. Tamil Nadu		279.76	67.08	282.36	128.50	85.93	42.71
19. Tripura		—	—	—	—	—	31.54
20. Uttar Pradesh		794.94	251.29	89.15	51.50	109.78	84.91
21. West Bengal		491.45	—	7.00	—	13.60	269.26
22. Union Territories		165.77	47.44	35.00	4.00	—	59.32
Total		5857.10	1852.99	1358.50	474.18	1106.07	1869.11

* Storage space with CWC and SWCs is not only for foodgrain storage but for general Warehousing also.

@Latest figures as available for different periods ranging from 1973 to 1977.

Oftake from foodgrains buffer stock

lakh tonnes during 1975-76 and 1974-75 respectively.

155. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the average monthly offtake during 1976-77 from foodgrains buffer stock and how does it compare with that of the two previous years;

(b) the releases made in the year to State Governments and what is the expected demand from each State in the current year; and

(c) the changes, if any, in the procurement operations since the beginning of this year both for wheat and paddy?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRAKASH SINGH BADAL): (a) The average monthly offtake of foodgrains through the public distribution system during 1976-77 was 8.47 lakh tonnes as compared to 8.96 and 9.26

(b) A quantity of 72.7 lakh tonnes of foodgrains was released to the States from the Central pool during the year 1976-77. Details are given in the statement enclosed. The requirement of foodgrains of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations depends upon the variety of factors such as the availability position of foodgrains in the open market, the stocks available with them, the offtake during the earlier months from the public distribution system and other relevant factors and is reviewed from time to time in consultation with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations concerned. In view of this it is not possible to indicate the annual expected demand of foodgrains in the current year at this stage.

(c) In accordance with the new pricing and procurement policy for rabi cereals for 1977-78 season, the procurement of wheat is mainly in the nature of support operations and the

State Governments/U.T. Administrations have been advised to withdraw compulsory levy order either on the producer or on the trade. In respect of paddy no changes are envisaged in the procurement operations in the current Kharif Marketing Season, 1976-77 (from November, 1976 to October, 1977). This question will be considered at the time of formulating the kharif policy for the next marketing season which will be applicable from 1st November, 1977.

Statement

Quantity of foodgrains released to each State/Union territory during 1976-77.

(In'000 tonnes)

Sl. No.	State	Quantity of food-grains released from Central Pool
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	133
2.	Assam	202
3.	Bihar	103
4.	Gujarat	104
5.	Haryana	54
6.	Himachal Pradesh	12
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	227
8.	Karnataka	227
9.	Kerala	1263
10.	Madhya Pradesh	79
11.	Maharashtra	1349
12.	Manipur	6
13.	Meghalaya	62

1	2	3
14.	Nagaland	21
15.	Orissa	143
16.	Punjab	171
17.	Rajasthan	52
18.	Sikkim	14
19.	Tamil Nadu	535
20.	Tripura	24
21.	Uttar Pradesh	224
22.	West Bengal	1536
23.	A & N Islands	11
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	15
25.	Chandigarh	—
26.	D & N Haveli	—
27.	Delhi	538
28.	Goa, Daman & Diu	61
29.	Lakshadweep	3
30.	Mizoram	28
31.	Pondicherry	5
TOTAL		7266

Demand and Import of Fertilizer

156. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the expected demand for fertilizers in the current year and how does it compare with actual consumption during the last two years;

(b) how much fertilizer needs to be imported to meet full requirements and how do prices of indigenous and imported fertilizers compare; and

(c) the arrangements made for timely supply of fertiliser to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI