

which came forward to extend co-operation for the flood victims of Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan; and

(b) whether some financial or medical assistance has been provided by some foreign countries also, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

New Trade and Distribution policy for Kharif Grains

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently announced the new trade and distribution policy for kharif grains;

(b) if so, whether some of the States have not approved of this policy;

(c) whether the Centre-W. Bengal dialogue on grains policy has failed and if so, what are the points of dispute between West Bengal and Centre;

(d) which are the other States who have not approved this policy; and

(e) whether the free movement of rice have increased the price of rice in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Government have recently announced the price and procurement policy for kharif cereals for 1977-78 season.

(b) to (d). Governments of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Assam have had some reservations about the removal of Zonal restrictions on movement of paddy/rice but it has been explained to them that this has been done in larger national interest.

(e) The rice prices have shown a fall in most parts of the country. However, the prices have shown some rise in Andhra Pradesh and Kerala and a mixed trend in Tamil Nadu.

Rise in Prices of Pulses, Wheat and Rice

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