

(4) केबुल मार्गों की प्रभावशाली देख-भाल ।

(5) दिल्ली में मिनसून के दौरान केबुल में दोष उत्पन्न होने की समस्याओं से निपटने के उपायों की सिफारिश करने के लिए एक उच्च स्तरीय कार्य दल का गठन किया गया है ।

Permanent Machinery for Fixing up Procurement Price of Wheat and Paddy

986. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government propose to set up some permanent machinery for fixing up reasonable procurement prices of wheat and paddy in the various States of the country keeping in view the controversy which is raised on the recommendations of the Agricultural Prices Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN) The Agricultural Prices Commission is a permanent body set up to advise the Government on the price policy for different agricultural commodities including wheat and paddy. Under its terms of reference, the Commission is enjoined to make its recommendations on the price policy for different agricultural commodities with a view to evolving a balanced and integrated price structure in the perspective of the over all needs of the economy and with due regard to the interests of the producer and the consumer. Before finalising its recommendations, the Commission holds discussions with representatives of Central and State Governments, producers of agricultural commodities concerned, public sector agencies and other interests.

The recommendations of the Agricultural Prices Commission in respect of wheat, paddy, etc., are discussed with the States before a final decision is taken by the Government on the level of support/procurement prices. In view of the requirement to evolve a balanced and integrated price structure the Government do not consider it desirable, or feasible, to fix procurement prices for wheat and paddy separately for each State.

Buffer Stock and Off take of Foodgrains

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

(a) the Central buffer stock of foodgrains as at the end of December, 1977, December, 1978, December, 1979, September, 1980; and

(b) the total off take of foodgrains through the public distribution system year-wise from 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 (upto October, 1980)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The total Central stocks of foodgrains with public agencies as at the end of December, 1977, 1978, 1979 and September, 1980 was as under:—

(in '000 Tonnes)

End. December, 1977	.	.	13913
End. Do. 1978	.	.	13928
End. Do. 1979	.	.	14537
End. September, 1980	.	.	8356

(b) The total offtake of foodgrains through public distribution system (including issues under 'Food For