

(b) and (c) Seven statements are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4918/73].

**Subsidies and Loans to Universities and Colleges**

8619. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) names of the Universities and Colleges in Maharashtra which have received subsidies and loans from the University Grants Commission during 1972-73; and

(b) the amounts of these subsidies and loans?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b) Under the University Grants Commission Act 1956, the Commission is not empowered to give loans to universities and colleges. A statement showing development grants paid to Universities and Colleges in Maharashtra during 1972-73 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4919/73].

**Subsidy paid by Central Government for Sale and Purchase of Wheat during Last Three Years**

8620. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT:

SHRI S. L. PEVE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procurement price of wheat during 1970-71, 1971-72 and 1972-73 was higher than its market price, if so, what was the difference between the two;

(b) whether the sale and purchase of wheat during these three years was subsidised by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, to what extent and what was the amount of subsidy given by

the Central Government during each of these three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) As procurement prices for all these years were fixed as a measure of price support, the market prices could not have fallen below the procurement price. It is not possible to estimate the level which the market prices would have reached in the absence of procurement under price support.

(b) and (c). Wheat was purchased at the fixed procurement price and issued to the State Governments without fully recovering the economic cost. The subsidy represents the difference between the economic cost and the issue price. The amount of subsidy paid during the three years was as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

1970-71	17.98 (on wheat alone)
1971-72	49.69 (on wheat, rice & milo)
1972-73	117.23 (on wheat and rice)

**Financial Assistance to National Institute of Sports, Patiala**

8621. SHRI H. N. MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any financial assistance to the National Institute of Sports at Patiala;

(b) if so, the assistance so far given;

(c) whether Government exercise any control over the working of this institute; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to improve the working of the institute?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes Sir.