

(d) whether it is also a fact that among cancelled shops, many of them were restored to the original shopkeepers.

(e) whether it is further a fact that black-marketing and corruption are prevalent in the Supply Departments of these Districts;

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(g) how many cheap ration shops are functioning in Districts Ballia and Deoria in U.P. at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):

(a) to (g). A report from the Government of Uttar Pradesh has been called for, which will be laid on the table of the Sabha on receipt.

#### Pilibhit Colonisation Scheme

831. SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion for the allotment of land under the Pilibhit Colonisation Scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that many applications are pending before the Colonisation Committee since 1960 regarding the allotment of land to the landless labourers and educated unemployed persons; and

(c) if so, how many applications have been disposed of so far and how many are still pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):

(a) to (c). The information is being collected from the Government of U.P. and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as early as possible.

#### Import of Tractors

832. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL:  
SHRI A. S. SAIGAL:  
SHRI LAKHAN LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 610 on the 15th February, 1968 and state:

(a) whether any request has since been made for the import of tractors on rupee payment to some foreign countries other than U.S.S.R. and Czechoslovakia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Procurement of Foodgrains

833. SHRI S. R. DAMANI:  
SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR:  
SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:  
SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA:  
SHRI TRIDIB KUMAR CHAUDHURI:  
SHRI MAHARAJ SINGH BHARATI:  
SHRI NATHU RAM AHIRWAR:  
SHRI K. M. Koushik:

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

(a) the actual figures of procurement of wheat and rice during the current year by the Food Corporation of India and other agencies separately and how they compare with the targets laid for procurement, State-wise;

(b) the losses, if any, suffered due to the Corporation's inability to buy all the stocks offered and due to lack of transit and storage facilities; and