

(c) if no steps as such have been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde):** (a) The important steps taken by Government to make available remunerative prices to the farmers for produce include fixation of minimum prices in regard to principal food and non-food crops, procurement of foodgrains at prices higher than the minimum and development of an orderly marketing system through measures such as establishment of cooperative marketing societies, regulation of markets, provision of warehousing facilities, market news service. The Government have also set up the Agricultural Prices Commission to advise on the fixation of fair prices to the cultivators for their produce, so as to give sufficient incentives.

(b) It is difficult to be precise about the percentage of profit margin accruing to farmers. Apart from market prices, a number of other factors including fertility of the soil, efficiency of farming, weather conditions during the year, etc., influence the margin of profit. As is well known, costs of production and yields vary from farmer to farmer, area to area and year to year so that, for the same given price in the market, the margin of profit varies widely.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Cattle Insurance

**\*907. Shri S. E. Damani:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cattle insurance scheme has been finalised; 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) The Cattle Insurance scheme has not yet been finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

**राज्यों को संकर मक्का के बीज की सप्लाई**

**\*908. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती:** क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आगामी खरीफ़ फसल के दौरान विभिन्न राज्यों को संकर मक्का के बीज कितनी मात्रा में सप्लाई किये जायेंगे; और

(ख) इस मक्का की उजड़ के लिए राज्यवार कितनी मात्रा में उर्वरक सप्लाई किये जायेंगे ?

**खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य-मन्त्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्डे) :** (क) और (ख). एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया गया है। (पुरतःकाल में रखा गया। देखिये संख्या LT-885/67)

#### Import of Rice

**\*909. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice likely to be imported during the current year due to the drought conditions in the country; and

(b) the names of the countries which have been requested for the supply of rice?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde):** (a) The quantity of rice likely to be imported during 1967 is about 495 thousand metric tons.

(b) The countries from which rice imports have been or are being arranged are Burma, Thailand, U.A.R., Cambodia, Nepal, U.S.A. Guyana, Italy, Brazil and Spain.