

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). The DTC have informed that nearly 159 applications of dependents of deceased employees for employment on compassionate grounds have been pending for over three years on account of non-availability of vacancies. All efforts are being made to provide regular appointment to the dependents of the deceased employees of DTC to the extent possible from time to time. Some are also employed on daily rates of pay, on seasonap basis, whenever there is a need for such engagement.

[*Translation*]

Production of Foodgrains

200. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains produced during the current Kharif season in 1990; and

(b) how this year's Kharif production compares with last year's production?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). The final estimates of Kharif foodgrains production for 1990-91 have not yet become due. However, on the basis of preliminary assessment, the Kharif foodgrains production this year is currently estimated at 101-102 million tonnes as compared to 100.94 million tonnes in 1989-90.

[*English*]

STD Facility in Orissa

201. SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places coected with STD facilities in Orissa State;

(b) whether the Government propose to connect more places in Orissa with STD facilities;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) 47

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the 8th Plan period.

(d) Question does not arise.

Prices of seeds of Oilseeds

202. SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to fix uniform price of breeder seeds of oilseeds crops in all the States and Union Territories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal is under consideration to fix a uniform price of breeder seed for different crops of oilseeds under the Oilseeds Production Programme.