

(c) Yes. Government has constructed or acquired godowns which are rust-proof and which have damp-proof floors. These are being kept free of insects by scientific methods, as far as possible.

(d) So far such godowns of a total capacity of 3 lakh tons have been constructed or acquired at ten centres.

(e) With the methods of preservation adopted, wheat can be stored for about 2 years and rice for 1 to 2 years.

Resettlement of Farmers on Bhoodan Lands

*1427. **Shri Bishwanath Roy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of Government for resettlement of farmers on Bhoodan lands; and

(b) if so, the important features of the scheme?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A pilot scheme for settlement of about 250 landless agricultural workers on an area of about 1000 ares of Bhoodan lands in Bihar was sanctioned in June last.

Another proposal from the Bihar Government costing Rs one crore for the resettlement of landless persons on Bhoodan lands in villages where land is held on individual basis is under consideration.

(b) The details are being worked out.

रेलवे गोदाम

*१४२८. श्री प० सा० बाबूबाल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बीकानेर डिब्रीजन के जिला गंगा नगर आदि की मुख्य अनाज की भंडियों में रेलवे गोदाम

बिना छत के हैं और इसके फलस्वरूप बर्बाद रखा गया गल्ला बर्षा के पानी से भीग कर सड़ जाता है और इसके कारण किसानों तथा व्यापारियों का भारी नुकसान होता है; और

(ख) बीकानेर डिब्रीजन में ऐसे कितने रेलवे स्टेशन हैं, जहाँ इस प्रकार के गोदामों में अनाज रखा जाता है ?

रेलवे उयमंत्रो (श्री साहनबाबू जी) :
(क) और (ख). एक बयान सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [बेकिये परिशिष्ट ४, अनुबन्ध संख्या २६]

Rice Exports from Andhra

*1429. **Shri Jinachandran:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after the formation of the South Zone rice has been exported from Andhra to Bombay and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the quantity of rice so exported;

(c) whether such export was with the consent of the Government of India;

(d) whether any rice which has reached West Bengal from Andhra has been exported to Pakistan;

(e) if so, the quantity of rice so exported; and

(f) the price of rice now prevailing in Andhra and West Bengal?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir, A quantity of about 5,000 tons rice was moved from Andhra to West Bengal and Bombay under permits. Further movements to these States have been stopped.

(d) and (e). No, Sir; General and vague allegations have been made that rice despatched from Andhra to Calcutta area is ultimately smuggled into