

tive foods. The deficiencies are mostly due to lack of proteins, vitamins A, B complex, C, Calcium and Iron.

(c) Following steps have been taken to popularise low cost balanced diets and protective foods etc.:-

(1) A Nutrition Wing has been established in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture *inter-alia* with the object of working out the composition of low-cost balanced diets for different regions, based on locally available foodstuffs;

(2) Two pilot plants for the production of low-fat edible groundnut flour which is a rich source of protein, are being set up with UNICEF assistance and with the collaboration of the private industry at Bombay and Coimbatore. An eventual annual production of 3000 tons of edible groundnut flour is envisaged.

(3) Schemes for the production and utilization of other items of subsidiary foods, such as Tapioca Macaroni, Vegetable Milk, etc. are under consideration.

(4) Mobile Extension Units are being set up for undertaking the demonstration of low-cost balanced diets and recipes prepared from little-known foods; fostering a diversification of the dietary so as to increase its nutritional contents, etc.

(5) Expanded Nutrition Projects have been started in different States with the assistance of UNICEF and FAO with the objective of converting village communities to sound practices in relation to the production and consumption of protective foods and to encourage through a programme of nutrition education, self-help in this regard.

(6) Suitable material in the form of Brochures, Posters, Pamphlets, etc. has been issued for nutrition education and popularisation of low cost nutritious and balanced diets.

### Aircraft used in Civil Aviation

93. Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the type of aircrafts that are in use in civil aviation in the country, their cruising speed capacity to carry passengers and freight in each such type; and

(b) how these aircrafts compare with aircrafts in use for civil aviation in advanced countries of the world?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communication (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). A statement showing the passenger seating capacity, cruising speed etc. of aircraft operated by the nationalised Corporations and private operators in India as well as those used by foreign Airlines operating to and across India is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 17]

It will be noted that the aircraft operated by Indian operators are also being used by other operators of countries advanced in aviation.

### उप डाकघर, टीकमगढ़

६४. श्री मते : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बलदेवगढ़ (टीकमगढ़) में एक उप-डाकघर खोलने की अनुमति दो वर्ष पहले दी गई थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि अब तक उप-डाकघर खोला नहीं गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) इसके कब तक खोले जाने की आशा है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ग) तथा (घ). बलदेवगढ़ के मौजूदा अतिरिक्त विभागीय शाखा डाकघर को काम के घंटे और आमदनी के आधार पर विभागीय उप-डाकघर में परिवर्तित करना न्यायोचित नहीं है । फिर भी आसपास के डाकघरों में काम के साथ-साथ कर्मचारियों को स्थानान्तरित करके प्रशासनिक आधार पर उसे विभागीय उप-डाकघर में परिवर्तित कर देने के प्रश्न पर तेजी से विचार किया जा रहा है ।

### Supply of Foodgrains to West Bengal

95. **Shri Sarkar Murmu:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foodgrains have been supplied to the Government of West Bengal during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the quantity supplied;

(c) whether the Government of West Bengal have asked the Centre for more foodgrains; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to supply the required quantity of rice to West Bengal?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the period from 1st April to middle of July, 1962 about 33,000 tonnes of rice and 189,000 tonnes of wheat have been supplied to West Bengal from Central Stocks.

(c) and (d). Whatever quantity of foodgrains is actually needed for distribution in West Bengal is supplied by the Centre in consultation with the State Government.

### Cash Crops

96. **Shri M. K. Kumaran:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the suggestion put forward

by some experts that production of cash crops should be encouraged in Kerala even at the risk of decreasing food production; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have arrived at any conclusion in giving advice to the State Government with regard to the pattern of future development of agriculture in Kerala?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) and (b). During the course of discussions on the Kerala State Plan in December 1960. in which technical experts participated, the Kerala Government were advised to concentrate on promoting increased production of certain cash crops such as rubber, coconut, areca-nut, cashewnut, spices etc. in preference to foodgrains.

### Popularisation of Wheat and Wheat Products

97. **Shri M. K. Kumaran:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to popularise wheat and wheat products among people in the rice-eating regions in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) and (b). There is no specific scheme in operation at present. However, wheat is being made available freely in the rice-consuming States with a view to encouraging its consumption. In certain areas, part of the demand for rice is being met by the distribution of wheat. Efforts have also been made from time to time by various organisations and agencies to popularise wheat and wheat products by the demonstration of varied recipes and the Government have encouraged and assisted such efforts.