

(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.