

in the Package Programme Districts; and

(b) the special schemes put into force for easy availability of credit from the cooperative societies to the agriculturists engaged on special agricultural programmes?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):**

(a) The following arrangements have been made:

(1) Production plan for each member of the cooperative in the area of operation of the programme is being prepared. For preparing these plans additional Village level Workers have been appointed in these areas. These plans show details about expenditure, income, repaying capacity etc. of the farmer.

(2) Cooperatives provide loans on the basis of these plans in cash and kind viz. fertilisers, seeds etc., to ensure effective utilisation.

(3) For the effective implementation of these plans the normal credit limits of members are being liberalised wherever necessary.

(4) Additional staff of supervisors has been made available in these areas for more effective supervision and recovery of loans.

(5) A more effective linking of credit and marketing is being arranged.

(b) (1) The Reserve Bank provides additional concessional finance for agricultural production in the areas of the programme taking into account the requirements as reflected in the production plans.

(2) To encourage cooperatives to lend adequately on the basis of the plans, particularly to the Weaker sections of the community, outright grants are being given to them at enhanced rates viz. 4 per cent of the additional lendings in the case of primary societies against 3 per cent in

other areas and 2 per cent to the central cooperative banks against 1 per cent in other areas.

#### **Wagon Repair Factory**

**140. Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1747 on the 10th September, 1963 and state:

(a) whether Government have finalised State Governments wherever required factory at Raipur in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration and a final decision will be taken after a proper study of the operational and financial aspects of the scheme.

#### **Stamps on Wild Life**

**141. Shri Swell:** Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether wild-life stamps have been issued; and

(b) if so, the animals featuring on these stamps?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagwati):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gaur (Indian Bison), the Himalayan Panda, Tiger, and the Gir Lion.

#### **Bridge at Golthemj Ghat (Bihar)**

**142. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to construct a bridge over Chhoti Gandak at Golthemj Ghat (Bihar) which will connect Bihar and Uttar Pradesh States;

(b) if so, when construction and other works will begin; and

(c) the total cost of the bridge?