

Milk Scheme have been declared permanent upto 1-9-1964. More posts will be added to the permanent establishment after a further review. 40 incumbents of these posts have so far been confirmed as per details shown in the statement. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3626/64]. No target date has been fixed for confirmation of all eligible persons but efforts will be made to complete the formalities in this respect at the earliest possible date.

Manure from Leaves

1383, Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan for the preparation of manure from the leaves of trees of New Delhi chalked out some time back has been given up; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah-nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The Horticulture Department of the C.P.W.D. have issued standing orders to the departmental gardeners for collecting and composting the fallen dry leaves within the compounds of the bungalows on certain selected roads in New Delhi. The total quantity of compost prepared from the pits of bungalows in the year 1962-63 was 84,000 cu.ft.

Utilisation of Storage Facilities

1384, Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the storage facilities offered by the Warehousing Corporation in the country are not being made full use of by the farmers and dealers; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to encourage people to make fullest use of warehousing facilities to adopt scientific methods of grain storage?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R.

Chavan): (a) The occupancy has shown a downward trend this year mainly because foodgrains are being sold readily to the consumer at attracted prices.

(b) Regular extensive and intensive publicity of benefits of the warehousing scheme is being carried out through all the media that are available, namely posters, hand-bills, films, radio talks, press releases, exhibition of cinema slides and personal visits by field staff to the rural areas to attract more and more farmers and cooperative societies to the warehouses. In addition, the warehousemen arrange periodical demonstrations of methods of scientific storage for better preservation for the benefit of prospective depositors.

Co-operative Marketing of Agricultural Produce

1385, Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the movement of co-operative marketing of agricultural produce especially the foodgrains has received a serious setback in practically all the States; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and the steps proposed to be taken by Government to make a success of this scheme in the interest of growers?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) No, Sir.

During the year 1963-64 agricultural produce worth Rs. 210 crores is estimated to be marketed through co-operatives as against Rs. 160 crores marketed during the year 1962-63. Out of this the value of foodgrains handled by co-operatives during the year 1963-64 is estimated to be Rs. 40 crores as against Rs. 32 crores in the preceding year.

However, in some areas the business of co-operatives dealing with food-