

(a) whether a proposal is under consideration whereby a steady flow of raw materials and credit would be made available to craftsmen; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Law (Shri Jaganatha Rao):** (a) There is no such proposal under consideration. However, under schemes already in force, the craftsmen are getting loans and raw materials which are in short supply e.g. imported raw silk, ivory, dyes, chemicals and metal alloys etc.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Sugar Factories in Backward Areas

2660. { Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri D. J. Naik:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a scheme to provide facilities to some industrialists for setting up sugar factories in some backward areas in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes; and the amount allocated in this behalf for 1965-66?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Agricultural Production in Orissa

2661. { Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of agricultural programme under the Third Five Year Plan about the food production in Orissa; and

(b) the names of districts which attained targets of food production together with the estimated and actual increase in agricultural food output?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) The Third Five Year Plan envisages an increase in production of Food-grains in Orissa from the base level (1960-61) of 40 lakh tons to 56.15 lakh tons in 1965-66. The production of Foodgrains Crops in Orissa in 1961-62, 1962-63, 1963-64 and 1964-65 (anticipated) was 39.48, 39.86, 47.09 and 50.08 lakh tons respectively.

(b) A statement showing district-wise targets and achievements during 1961-62, 1962-63, 1963-64 and 1964-65 in Orissa is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library, see No. LT-4286/65.] The above information is based on the information received from the Government of Orissa.

#### Supply of Bajra to Gujarat State

2662. { Shri C. M. Kedaria:  
Shri Man Singh P. Patel:  
Shri P. H. Bheel:  
Shrimati Johraben Chavda:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Punjab have supplied 5,000 tonnes of Bajra to Gujarat State;

(b) if so, when the supplies were made;

(c) the rate at which Bajra was purchased by the Punjab Government; and

(d) the rate, it was sold to the Government of Gujarat?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the period from last week of January, 1965 to the second week of February, 1965.

(c) The Punjab Government purchased Bajra at prices ranging from Rs. 56.45 to Rs. 56.75 per quintal.

(d) Bajra was supplied to the Government of Gujarat at the cost price plus the cost of gunny bags, sales tax and establishment charges of the Punjab Government.

#### Transport and Communications in Hilly Areas

**2663. Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee on the Development of Small Towns for Hills and Border Areas has recommended the development of transport and communications in these areas in a big way on a priority basis;

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the recommendations, especially in Tripura and Manipur;

(c) what are the possibilities of constructing a new highway linking Imphal with Silchar?

**The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Committee on the Development of Small Towns in Hills and Border Areas was set up by the Ministry of Health and the report submitted by the Committee has been forwarded by that Ministry to all State Governments/Administrations of Union Territories, including Tripura and Manipur, for taking necessary action to implement the various recommendations made in the report. Further action rests with the State Governments/Administrations of Union Territories concerned.

(c) There is already an existing motorable road from Silchar to Jirighat on the Assam/Manipur border. From Jirighat to Imphal a new road is being constructed. It is 151 miles long, out of which, a stretch of 9 miles at the Imphal end already exists. Of the remaining 142 miles, the earthwork & rock cutting for road formation of about 100 miles has been com-

pleted. Work on the remaining length is in progress.

#### Food Corporation of India

**2664. Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring pulses within the scope of the operations of the Food Corporation of India; and

(b) whether Government have considered the demand for price support for pulses in consideration of the 'crash' in price Northern India?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan):** (a) Not for the present.

(b) The State Government have been authorised to announce support prices for gram within the range of Rs. 40 to Rs. 40.50 per quintal. No proposal is at present under consideration of price support for pulses.

#### खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय के अन्तर्गत कार्यालय

2665. { श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :  
श्री प० ला० बासपाल :  
श्री किशन पटनायक :  
श्री रामेश्वरानन्द :  
श्री मधु लिसये :  
श्री उटिया :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जनवरी, 1964 के बाद उनके मंत्रालय के अन्तर्गत कौन-कौन से नये कार्यालय तथा निगम खोले गये हैं ;

(ख) इन में से किस-किस का नाम हिन्दी में या भारतीय रखा गया है ; और