

(ख) ब्याज की ली जानेवाली दरें परिचालन लागत, उधार लेने की लागत, प्रत्येक स्तर पर रखी जाने वाली गुंजायश आदि, से सम्बन्धित होती हैं और इसीलिए वे हर राज्य में भिन्न-भिन्न होती हैं।

(ग) जी नहीं।

LOCK OUT BY M/s. A. H. WHEELER AND Co. LTD., ALLAHABAD

4975. SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN :
SHRI NAMBIAR :
SHRI P. P. ESTHOSE :
SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :
SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :
SHRI GANESH GHOSH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. A. H. Wheeler & Co. Ltd., Allahabad, Railway Contractors for book stalls declared lock-out since the 20th November, 1967.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of workers affected by the lock-out; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to settle the dispute ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR & REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI) :
(a) to (d). The matter falls in the State sphere and the Government of India have no information.

WORKERS OF MICA FACTORIES

4976. SHRI K. RAMANI :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :
SHRI P. P. ESTHOSE :
SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that workers of the Mica factories of Damchanch, Tisri, Dharokhi, Dharakhole and Gaw-an of Hazari Bagh District had gone on strike since the 28th November, 1967;

(b) if so, what were their demands; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to settle the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI) :
(a) to (c). The matter falls in the State sphere. It has been reported that some workers in mica factories went on strike with effect from the 28th November, 1967, demanding increase in wages and free supply of rice.

थाइलैंड से पटसन के बदले में चावल का आयात

4978. श्री रघुबीर सिंह शास्त्री : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि थाइलैंड ने पटसन के बदले में भारत को चावल देने की पेशकश की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका व्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इसके बारे में भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहब शिन्दे) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग). प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते।

POST OFFICE IN BAGAYA (BIHAR)

4979. SHRI MARANDI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the post office in Bagaya in the Santhal Pargana District of Bihar has no facility for registration of letters, Money Orders and telegrams;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to convert the Bagaya Post Office into a sub-Post Office with a view to make available these facilities;

(c) if so, when it is likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OR STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) :

(a) No, these facilities are already available.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

FAILURE OF CROPS IN ANDHRA DISTRICTS

4980. SHRI N. G. RANGA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any report has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh about the serious failure of crops in Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts and upland areas of other Districts of Andhra Pradesh in continuation of the partial

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| (i) Srikakulam | . Upland Talukas. |
| (ii) Visakhapatnam | . 81 villages of Nuakid taluk. |
| (iii) East Godavari | . 40 villages of Eluru, Chintalapudi and Tadapalligudum taluks. |
| (iv) Krishna | . 435 villages of Narsaropet, Vinukonda Palnad, Ongole and Bapatla talukas. |
| (v) West Godavari | . 431 villages of Kanigiri, Podili and Darsi taluks. |
| (vi) Guntur | . Markapur taluk and Verragundapalem sub-taluk. |
| (vii) Nellore | . Madakasira, Hindpur Rayadurg and Dharmavaram taluks. |
| (viii) Kurnool | . 476 villages. |
| (ix) Anantapur | . 870 villages. |
| (x) Chittoor | |
| (xi) Nalgonda | |

The State Government have decided to send 10,000 tonnes of rice to Visakhapatnam district and 2,000 tonnes of rice to Srikakulam district.

The State Government have sanctioned the following funds for scarcity relief :

| | (Rs. in lakhs) |
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| (a) Construction of new wells and deepening of existing wells | 15.02 |
| (b) Formation of roads in factory areas | 8.00 |
| (c) Minor irrigation works and repairs to tanks | 125.18 |
| (d) Excavation of Nagarjuna-sagar project canals | 15.00 |
| (e) Loans for sinking of wells and land improvement works through Land Mortgage Banks | 200.00 |
| (f) Releases from the Famine Fund for relief measures | 38.00 |

The State Government have thrown open reserve forests for free grazing and have also decided to grant large-scale remission and postponement of loans. Supply of tubewell equipment is also under the consideration, of the State Government.

failure of crops during the previous two years;

(b) if so, the relief measures taken so far and the Central assistance asked for by the State Government; and

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to supplement the resources of Andhra Pradesh by way of financial aids from CARE etc. and the supply of tube-well equipments and development of irrigation works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that crops have failed in the following districts :—