

(ii) Some of the LDCs/UDCs are holding line vacancies.

(c) Periodical reviews to convert temporary posts into permanent ones are undertaken as provided in the orders of the Ministry of Finance issued from time to time. Further, conversion of the temporary posts into permanent ones has already been taken up and the matter is in the process of finalisation. This is, however, subject to the recommendation of the Staff Inspection Unit, who are presently inspecting the staff requirements of this Department.

#### M.Ps. Invited For Air Talks From Different Stations

1660. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact some Members of Parliament were invited to speak from different stations of AIR during the last three months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Cropped Area Under High Yielding Variety of Crop

1661. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :  
SHRI K. HAIDER :  
SHRI S. C. SAMATA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of the total cropped

area in each State covered by the high yielding variety of crops till 1968-69;

(b) the percentage of peasant and prasant families benefited in each State till 1968-69;

(c) whether it is a fact that over-whelming majority of the so called progressive farmers who have received the benefit of high yielding varieties of crops come from the affluent section of the rural communities; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government development activities have further enriched the already rich society of the rural communities; if so, how the Government propose to bring a green revolution in the country-side depending mainly on the affluent section of the rural communities. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) A Statement indicating the percentage of Gross Crooped area covered by the High-Yielding Varieties Programme in different States is laid on the Table of he House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2718/70]

(b) Detailed information is not available.

(c) No, Sir. The various evaluation studies carried out on the implementation of High-Yielding Varieties Programme have shown that the farmers, both big and small have participated in the production efforts. The programme Evaluation Organization of the Planning Commission in their reports on the evaluation of the High-Yielding Varieties Programme for Kharif 1968 and Rabi, 1968-69 have given the following distribution of selected participants :—

Crop	Total No. of selected participants for the study		No. of participants in the Size-Group of Cultivation Holding											
			Below 2.5 acres	2.5 to 5 acres	5 to 10 acres	10 to 20 acres	20 to 50 acres	50 acres and above.						
			Kh.	Rabi	Kh.	Rabi	Kh.	Rabi	Kh.	Rabi	Kh.	Rabi	Kh.	Rabi
Paddy	602	350	158	118	161	88	147	88	79	39	44	14	13	3
Maize	106	—	6	—	12	—	25	—	25	—	31	—	7	—
Bajra	187	—	4	—	11	—	36	—	48	—	74	—	14	—
Jowar	79	78	0	1	7	8	18	15	20	20	21	25	13	9
Wheat	—	448	—	38	—	63	—	114	—	129	—	89	—	15

(d) No, Sir, All farmers, big and small who participate in the new strategy realise benefits accruing therefrom. Besides, one of the objectives of the Fourth Plan is to enable as large a section of rural population as possible, including the small farmers to participate in the development effort and share its benefits.

#### Branch Post Offices in Diamond Harbour West Bengal

1662. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of branch post offices in Diamond Harbour and Sadar Sub-divisions of 24 Parganas district in West Bengal ;

(b) the average area in milcs and the average population in number covered by each branch Post Office in those two Sub-divisions;

(c) whether the number of branch offices are adequate in his opinion; whether any steps have taken by Government to extent the postal facilities in these two sub-divisions;

(d) the news of the branch post offices in the above two sub-divisions under the district of 24 parganas (i) which are not properly equipped with furniture and adequate number of post boxes and (ii) where the peons have not been provided

with dress and either water proofs or umbrellas for protection against rain or summer heat; and

(e) the names of the branch post offices (i) where the peons have not been supplied with bicycles, (ii) where there are no runners; (iii) which do not possess their own house and (iv) whose buildings are in a dilapidated condition and as such need immediate repair ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) to (e) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

#### Aid to States for Implementation of Small Irrigation Schemes

1663. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of financial assistance, either as loan or as grant, given by the Central Government and each of its sponsored financial institution to each State during the last three years for implementing small irrigation schemes ; and

(b) the State-wise area benefited by this assistance, till date, during the last three years ;