

**Reinstatement of clerks discharged in F.C.I. Calcutta**

1132. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that the management of Food Corporation of India, Calcutta has discharged fifty clerks/typists in April, 1974;

(b) if so, what are the reasons behind this arbitrary dismissal;

(c) whether the Government propose to reinstate them; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b). Certain serious irregularities in the recruitment of 41 Assistants Grade III and 38 Typists by their Calcutta office in 1974 came to the notice of the management of the Corporation. All these selections were reviewed and, out of the aforesaid Assistants and Typists, only 16 Assistants Grade III and 7 Typists, who were found suitable, were retained in service and the remaining were discharged from the service of the Corporation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Effect of withdrawal of restrictions on movement of wheat**

1133. SHRI SAMAR GUHA:

SHRI RAMANAND TIWARY:

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

(a) whether the Government have assessed the effect of withdrawal of restrictions regarding movement of wheat, particularly with respect to retail price of wheat in the open market and specially in the non-rationing areas of the country;

(b) if so, facts there about;

(c) whether rise in purchase prices of wheat has in any way affected the issue-price in ration shops;

(d) whether the Government have drawn up any policy regarding purchase prices of paddy with respect to 'Boro crop' and of 'Aman crop' as well; and

(e) if so, facts thereabout?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b). The abolition of zona' restrictions on movement of wheat has resulted in better open market availability of the grain. The retail prices of wheat are ruling at reasonable levels even in the deficit States

(c) The issue price of wheat from Central stocks has not been increased.

(d) and (e). The policy regarding purchase price of paddy of different varieties including 'Boro' and 'Aman' for the current i.e. 1976-77 marketing season has already been decided and the Government of West Bengal have fixed the following procurement prices for 'Boro' and 'Aman' for 1976-77 kharif season. These prices will be in force for the kharif year November 1976 to October, 1977:—

Grade	Rate per Qtl. (in Rs.)
Aus and Boro of Traditional types	70 70
Aman Common	74 00
Aman Fine	77 00
Aman Superfine and Aromatic	80 00