

S. No.	State/U.T.	No. of Stadia for which Central assistance sanctioned in:	
		1991-92	1990-91
5.	Himachal Pradesh	3	2
6.	Kerala	1	-
7.	Karnataka	2	12
8.	Madhya Pradesh	1	1
9.	Maharashtra	1	2
10.	Punjab	-	2
11.	Rajasthan	-	2
12.	Sikkim	-	2
13.	Tripura	1	—
14.	Tamil Nadu	3	3
15.	West Bengal	-	3
16.	Andaman & Nicobar	1	1
17.	Delhi	-	1
		15	33

Passenger Train From Dhanbad to Tata Nagar

897. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to introduce a passenger train from Dhanbad to Tata Nafar in view of the long standing demand of the people of these areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAIWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Procurement and Distribution Price of Foodgrains

898. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Procurement prices of foodgrains are lower than the prices at which they are being sold to the consumers in the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the per quintal expenditure incurred by the Food Corporation of India on the operational cost thereof during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). While the minimum support prices (MSP) of paddy and wheat are uniform throughout the country, the procurement prices of levy-rice differ from State to State. The Central issue (CIP) of rice and wheat are also uniform throughout the country. The MSP of paddy, procurement prices of levy-rice (Punjab and Haryana which are the highest) for 1991-92 kharif season and the current CIP (ex-FCI godown) of rice and wheat in the following table: