

**Transportation of Foodgrains to New
Coochbehar**

8157. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways had been transporting foodgrains of Food Corporation of India to New Coochbehar Railway Station; .

(b) if so, whether the practice has since been discontinued;

(c) if so, since when and the reasons therefor;

(d) the estimated lose of revenue suffered by the Railways as a result thereof;

(e) whether the Railways propose to resume transportation of foodgrains to this station; and

(f) if so, the details there and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) (a) to (c) Railways supply wagons for movement of foodgrains to as per demand by Food Corporation of India. Food Corporation of India. Food Corporation of India has stopped movement by rail to New Coochbehar station since 1988.

(d) This has not resulted in any loose of revenue as the wagons and locomotives are utilised for other movement.

(e) Wagons will be supplied by the railways for and

(f) Movement to New Coochbehar as and when indents are placed by Food Corporation of India.

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8158. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a short fall in the availability of foodgrains in Jammu and Kashmir particularly in the Jammu region; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to strengthen the Public Distribution System in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHAMED) (a) and (b): During January to March, 1993 Jammu & Kashmir was allotted 60,000 tonnes of wheat and 1,08,540 tonnes of rice. Against this allocation, the State lifted 22,100 tonnes of wheat and 35900 tonnes of rice respectively. There has been no specific report of shortfall on the availability of foodgrains in the Jammu region during this period. A total number of 34 blocks in the state of Jammu & Kashmir have been identified for implementation of the Revamped PDS. Rice and wheat meant for distribution in the revamped PDS blocks are issued at specially subsidised Central Issue Prices which are lower than the Central Issue Prices for normal PDS blocks by Rs. 50 per quintal.

[*Translation*]

**Allocation of Kerosene Depots and
F.P.S. in Madhya Pradesh**

8159. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases relating to allocation of Kerosene Depots and Fair price Shops are pending with Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of such cases at present; and