

However, there was one siding between Sonpur and Plazaghat which was closed for traffic in 1985 and was finally dismantled in 1989. There is no proposal to re-open the siding as it is not financially justified.

[English]

Super Bazar

6017. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new items introduced in the Super Bazar in Grocery, Toiletries and Consumer departments during the last 12 months;

(b) the reasons for introducing the new items when these items from established companies are already in existence in the Super Bazar;

(c) the value of these newly added items purchased and sold in each of the last 12 months;

(d) whether the inventory of these items is higher than the sales in the Super Bazar as per the inventory norms fixed therein;

(e) if so, the month-wise details of the inventory and the reasons for higher inventory; and

(f) the steps taken to bring down the inventory in the Super Bazar as per fixed norms giving the details of the inventory norms fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC

DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (f). Super Bazar has reported that introduction of any new item in Super Bazar is a normal trading practice. This is necessary to keep pace with the pattern of changing consumer demands and tastes. Super Bazar allows introduction of new items after careful consideration and having been satisfied that the said product has gained popularity in the market. Depending on the competitiveness of the product its introduction initially is either allowed in all the retail outlets or permitted for limited sale through major outlets and departmental Stores. Close monitoring on such purchases is carried out so as to ensure that proper inventory level is maintained. The collection of detailed information sought on the number of new items, value of goods purchased and sold in each of the last 12 months and also monthwise details of the inventory thereof etc. involves heavy labour and manpower and will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved thereof.

Grants to Universities

6018. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:
SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC has frozen grants being provided to the Universities and Institutions of higher learning since 1992;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;