

(a) whether the Government have sought an amount of more than Rs. 4 million to be released to Andhra Pradesh as disaster grants for two projects from the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO);

(b) if so, the details of the proposal as to how this grant is likely to be utilized; and

(c) the time by which the grant is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Godowns by Private Builders

2478. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA :

PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India proposed to invite tenders in Andhra Pradesh for South Zone for creation of storage capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether FCI is facing a serious storage crunch for rice storing in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, whether entrepreneurs from Andhra Pradesh will be offered to build godowns on this specifications of FCI?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) As on 1.10.95, the total storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India in Andhra Pradesh was 23.85 lakh tonnes, Against this, the total foodgrains stocks held in the godown of Food Corporation of India in Andhra Pradesh was 12.61 lakh tonnes which shows a capacity utilisation of 53%. Therefore, the existing storage capacity of Food Corporation of India is adequate in Andhra Pradesh. However Food Corporation of India has planned to construct a capacity of 0.40 lakh tonnes in Andhra Pradesh 1995-96 by conversion of existing plinths into godowns at the following centres:-

Centre	Capacity (In MTs)
1. Ammikulunta	10,000
2. Razipet	15,000
3. Jahgalapalli	15,000
	40,000

Regional College of Education

2479. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Regional College of Education, Bhubaneswar has abolished any course from its curricula in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these course have also been abolished from other RCEs also; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The M.Ed., B.A., B.Ed., B.Ed. and M.Sc., M.Ed. courses have been decided to be phased out by stopping fresh admission from 1995-96 session.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) RCEs were converted into Regional Institutes in April, 1995 to provide academic and technical resource support to State and sub-State level institutions entrusted with the responsibility of implementing the programmes of universalising elementary education including District Primary Education Programme in addition to offering in-service and limited pre-service programmes for preparing teacher educators and improving the quality of in-service teachers.

Mobile Vans and Godowns for RPDS

2480. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals received/sanctioned for purchase of mobile vans and construction of godowns in the Revamped Public Distribution System specially in the remote tribal and backward areas during each of the last three years till September, 1995;

(b) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the remaining proposals;

(c) whether the Union Government have provided financial assistance to the State Governments for the construction of godowns in these areas during the above period;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;

(e) whether the construction work of these godowns has been completed;

(f) if not, the position thereof;

(g) the time by which the construction of these godowns are likely to be completed; and