

also commenced discharge in July. 8 vessels carrying about 1.04 lakh tonnes and 2 vessels with 0.26 lakh tonnes are expected to arrive at Indian ports during the month of August and September respectively. There would, therefore, be a phased availability of the imported sugar of about 1.80 lakh tonnes by the end of September, 1980. This would increase the availability of sugar in the markets in the above manner leading to the softening impact on the free market prices.

**Post Offices in villages of Orissa**

6648. SHRI LAKSHMAN MAL-LICK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of villages in the State of Orissa do not have post offices;

(b) if so, the number of those villages, District-wise; and

(c) what action Government has taken so far in order to open post offices in these villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of villages not having post offices is as follows:--

District	No.	District	No.
Balangir . . .	2197	Keonjhar	1656
Kalahandi . . .	2321	Koraput	5140
Balasore . . .	3083	Myurbhanj	3083
Ganjam . . .	8456	Phulbani	4075
Puri . . .	3608	Sambalpur	2868
Cuttack . . .	4967	Sundargarh	1295
Dhenkanal . . .	2197		

(c) All these villages are being given postal facilities by 6625 Post

Offices in the rural area of Orissa. The Department does not envisage opening post offices in each and every village.

**Break through of Agriculture in J & K**

6650. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KOCHACK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the report of the Agriculture Department Review Committee, the State of J & K has not been able to make any major break through in Agriculture;

(b) if so, whether the State Government still continue to import food-grains;

(c) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(d) the assistance which the Central Government are considering to provide to the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No report of the "Agriculture Department Review Committee" has been received in this Ministry. However, a Committee of Ministers constituted by Home Ministry for reviewing the progress of schemes of economic development of J and K observed that, although the State Government were registering progress in the field of agriculture, yet there was need/scope for more Central assistance.

(b) The State is allotted foodgrains from the Central Pool after taking into account the demand of this State.

(c) The State Governments/Union Territories are requested to intimate every month the realistic requirement of food-grains from the Central Pool for issue through public distribution system and to Roller Flour Mills after taking into account the stocks available with them and procured by them locally. The allot-