

products to a few State Govts. and other organisations.

Monitoring Committee for Public Distribution System

1769. SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to constitute a monitoring Committee to check the irregularities being committed in the working of the Public Distribution System in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDER SINGH): (a) and (b). State Governments and U.T. Administrations have been advised from time to time to set up Consumer Advisory and Vigilance Committees at District Block/Fair Price Shops levels to monitor the availability and proper distribution of PDS commodities. Such Committees have been set up in most of the States/UTs at various levels.

[English]

Sophisticated Instruments for Regional Medical Hospital

1770. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide latest sophisticated equipments to the Regional Medical Hospital Imphal and other leading district Hospitals in Manipur; and

(b) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) Union Government have no proposal to provide latest sophisticated equipments to the Regional Medical Hospital Imphal and other leading district Hospitals in Manipur.

(b) Does not arise.

Upgrading of FCI Status at Imphal

1771. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to upgrade the status of the Food Corporation of India unit at Imphal;

(b) if so, when and in what manner; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDER SINGH): (a) to (c). The Food Corporation of India has reported that it has a District Office at Imphal, which has been adequate for handling FCI operations in Manipur State. The Corporation has at present no proposal for upgrading the status of this office at Imphal.

UGC Scales to College Principals

1772. SHRI SURESH KODIKUNNIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have given UGC scale to college principals in some States;

(b) the criteria fixed for giving UGC scales to college principals;

(c) whether the Union Government