

likely to be set up in Mauritius;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such Science Centres in mauritius for which this assistance is to be provided by the Government;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide adequate assistance for opening Science Centre in Gujarat also;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). At the request of Government of Mauritius a three-member team visited Mauritius and have submitted a project report to the Government of Mauritius for setting up a Science Centre in Mauritius.

(d) to (f). A Science Centre at Dharampur in Gujarat is already functioning. There is no proposal for setting up of another Centre in Gujarat.

Foodgrains distributed through PDS

5122. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains distributed through the public distribution system during 1991-92;

(b) the corresponding average number of daily beneficiaries;

(c) the average number of daily benefi-

ciaries as a percentage of total population; and

(d) the average number of daily beneficiaries as a percentage of the population living below the poverty line?

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) About 9.8 million tonnes of rice and 8.5 million tonnes of wheat were lifted by the States/UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS) in 1991-92.

(b) to (d). The administration of the PDS rests with the State Governments/ UT Administrations. Decisions relating to scales of entitlement, norms and periodicity of distribution of PDS items are taken by them. Hence information regarding the average number of beneficiaries per day and the number of the average number of daily beneficiaries as a percentage of (i) total population and (ii) population below poverty iline are not maintained by the Central Government.

[*Translation*]

Super Bazar in Madhya Pradesh

5123. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of the Super Bazar working at present in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the present branches are sufficient to cater to the needs of the common people;