

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) and (b) The Central Government has, in the recent past, received no reports that in the procurement and distribution of foodgrains there have been malpractices and irregularities.

Adequate supervision is exercised at the procurement and distribution centres by the State and Central Governments, as the case may be.

Supply of food material to defence forces

2906. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether several complaints about supply of sub-standard food materials to the Defence forces by contractors have come to light recently;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Sunday Weekly (13-19 July, 1986) in respect of alleged supply of sub-standard materials of food at the Field Supply Depot in Panitola, Dibrugarh; and

(c) if so, the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) Complaints about supply of sub-standard food materials to Defence Forces by contractors are occasionally received.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Suitable procedures exist to ensure maintenance of the quality of rations provided to the Defence Forces. Specific complaints, when received, are investigated.

New dress pattern for Central Government employees

2907. SHRI SOMNATH RATH :
SHRI H. B. PATIL :
SHRI N. DENNIS :
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI :
SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK :
DR. B. L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce new dress pattern for Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when it is likely to be enforced; and

(d) whether the Union Government propose to refer it to the State Governments for their views in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) There is no proposal to introduce any new dress pattern for Central Government employees.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Opening of storage depots at sub-divisional headquarters in Orissa

2908. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been sent to Union Government by the Orissa Government for issuing a direction to the Food Corporation of India to open storage depots at Sub-Divisional Headquarters to facilitate delivery of stocks from F.C.I. godowns in order to save the Corporation and the Orissa Government from the burden of additional subsidy; and