

[*Translation*]

**Allotment of Commercial Plots in the Peripheri of Kota Airport**

659. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether security at Kota Airport is in danger due to allotment of commercial plots in the peripheri of this airport ; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken to avoid accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No allotment of commercial plots has been made by National Airports Authority.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Supply of Foodgrains from FCI Godowns to F.P.S.**

660. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have introduced a new scheme under which foodgrains are directly supplied to the Fair Price Shops from the Food Corporation of India godowns ; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) and (b) The responsibility of supply of foodgrains and other PDS items to the fair price shops is that of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations concerned, in their respective jurisdictions. Therefore, the State Governments and U.T. Administrations have to make necessary arrangements to take delivery of foodgrains for PDS from the FCI godowns. In this regard, the States and UTs have been advised to make necessary financial and physical arrangements for a well developed delivery system. They have also been advised to consider introduction of a system under which PDS items could be delivered at the door-step of the fair price shops.

**Sleeper Manufacturing Unit in Palghat**

661. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) The latest position about the proposed concrete sleeper factory at Palghat ; and

(b) by what time is it likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAJHAHVARAO SCINDIA) : (a) The project Report and offer received from the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) for setting up the concrete sleeper plant at Palghat in the joint sector through KSIDC is under consideration and the final decision thereon is expected to be taken shortly.

(b) The KSIDC has offered to set it up in 8 months of acceptance of their proposal.

**Collapse of Public Distribution System in Delhi**

662. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the newsitem "Capital's PDS is on verge of collapse" appearing in the "Hindustan Times" dated 18 July, 1988, highlighting the problems faced in the working of Public Distribution system ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the reasons for not providing quality stuff at the Fair Price Shops ; and

(d) the steps taken to strengthen the PDS in the Capital ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following are the main allegations made in the said news-item :

(i) The rate of opening new fair price shops has failed to match the increasing population ;