

only about 13 thousand tonnes of wheat was with the Haryana State Government/HAFED. The stock of foodgrains (wheat and rice) with the FCI is now about 7 lakh tonnes. The total storage capacity with the Haryana State Govt./HAFED/FCI by the end of April, 1978 is estimated at 16.65 lakh tonnes.

Adequate action had been taken to step up monthly inter-State movement of sponsored foodgrains from Haryana from about 1 lakh tonnes to about 1.2 lakh tonnes, per month. During the peak period, (May and June, 1978) for the procurement of wheat the movement of sponsored foodgrains from Haryana by rail and road, both, is likely to be 1.5 lakh tonnes, in each month.

Demands of F.C.I. Employees

7894. SHRI PRASANNABHAI MEHTA:

SHRI C. R. MAHATA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India employees have been agitating to press the demands, including better promotion avenues for Class IV category and grant of bonus and house rent allowance;

(b) if so, whether the Government have agreed to consider their demands;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) if so, by what time the Government are giving their verdict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (d). A comprehensive revision of pay scales and service conditions of the employees of the Food Corporation of India was effected two years ago. Whenever any demands

for further improvement in pay scales and service conditions are made they are considered by the management of the FCI which is an autonomous Corporation and also by the Government, if necessary. In regard to demand of the employees for better promotional avenues for Category IV staff, the management of the Corporation feel that promotion quota having already been raised from 10 per cent to 20 per cent, any further increase would not be desirable. The demand for *ex gratia* payment in lieu of bonus for the year 1975-76 has not been found acceptable in view of the likely repercussions on other similarly situated public sector undertakings. The scales of house rent allowance sanctioned for FCI employees are already much better than those admissible to Government servants and employees of several other public sector undertakings.

Mechanization and its effect of cows and bulls

7895. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to mechanization which involves tractors also there is no place for the bull and with the coming of artificial insemination, even stud bulls have no place but to go to the slaughter house;

(b) whether Government realise that when the bull is not of any service to the farmer, maintenance of cows becomes difficult and impossible in our country; and

(c) if so, whether Government is in a position of getting a real and concrete solution to the problem?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) An overwhelming majority of land holdings being small use of tractors is not going to catch up to an extent that draft animals would be no longer important. In fact, the use of draft animals is