

2. Number of operators manning each shift is as follows:—

Duty hours	No. of Operators
(i) 0010—0620 . . . . .	3
(ii) 0620—1240 . . . . .	6
(iii) 0700—1430 . . . . .	4
(iv) 0800—1520 . . . . .	6
(v) 0920—1630 . . . . .	6
(vi) 1000—1300 . . . . .	6
(vii) 1800—2100 . . . . .	6
(viii) 1000—1720 . . . . .	6
(ix) 1340—2100 . . . . .	6
(x) 1540—2300 . . . . .	6
(xi) 1640—0000 . . . . .	8

(b) Yes, Sir. Authorities are aware of the complaints from the public and action is being taken to improve the service.

(c) Due to acute shortage of auto equipment, there is delay in converting Nizamabad manual exchange into auto exchange.

**Purchasing centres by F.C.I. in Nizamabad district during last Kharif Season**

10520. SHRI ABDUL LATEEF: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of purchasing centres operated by F.C.I. in Nizamabad district in A.P. in last Kharif season for the purchase of Paddy and the total quantity procured at each centre variety-wise;

(b) the number of new bags supplied by FCI and number of bags brought by farmers due to shortage of new bags with reference to each centre and the reasons for non-supply of bags; and

(c) the price paid for the new bags by F.C.I. as against ruling price of these bags in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) The Food Corporation of India operated 22 centres in

Nizamabad District during last Kharif season for purchase of paddy and procured a total quantity of 27,716 tonnes of Paddy. Statements indicating quantity of paddy procured at each centre and the variety-wise position of paddy procured in the District are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4471/79]

(b) In some pockets, actual procurement had exceeded the target and some of the purchase centres had run short of gunnies. Arrangements for diverting gunnies to the needy purchase centres were made but before the gunnier reached the centres, some of the farmers were asked to deliver the paddy in their own gunnies for which they were paid the price along with the price of the grain.

Information in regard to the number of new bags supplied by Food Corporation of India and the number of bags brought by farmers is not readily available.

(c) The cultivators were re-imbursed the price for new gunnies fixed by the Government of India for the quarter ending 31-12-1978 @ Rs. 3.75 per bag of 100 kg. and Rs. 3.20 per bag of 75 kg. and for the quarter ending 31-3-1979, @ Rs. 4.16 per bag of 100 kg. and Rs. 3.75 per bag of 75 kg.

**Hindi Officer and Hindi Translator in D. M. S.**

10521. SHRI RAJE VISHVESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 8091 on the 23rd April, 1979 regarding posts sanctioned for Hindi work in D.M.S. and state:

(a) date on which the reference had been made to the Ministry of Home Affairs for filling up the post of Hindi Officer and Junior Translator on ad hoc basis and the date on which their advice was received in D.M.S. and state:

(b) whether the Government are aware that these posts are required to