बेसिन के बाहर राजस्थान, गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र, आन्ध्र प्रदेश, कर्नाटक और तमिलनाडु के लगातार सूखे से प्रभावित रहने वाले क्षेत्रों को जल की मांग को आंशिक रूप से पूरा करने के लिए सप्लाई किया जाएगा ।

सरकार का विचार है कि जल के अन्तर्बेसिन ट्रांसफर को किसी बड़े पैमाने की स्कीम को हाथ में लेने से पहले ऐसे अध्ययन किए जाने चाहिए कि प्रत्येक नदी बेसिन और उप-बेसिन में किस स्थान पर और किस समय पर कितना जल फालतू होगा और कितने जल की कमी होगी और कमी वाले क्षेत्रों को जल उपलब्ध कराने के मानदण्ड और अन्य विचारणीय बातें क्या होंगी । आवश्यक विस्तृत अध्ययन करने के लिए केन्द्रीय जल आयोग में एक संगठन की स्थापना की गई है । इन अध्ययनों में सूखा-प्रवण क्षेत्रों का पता लगाना, इस समय जल उपलब्धता की मात्रा स्थानीय रूप से उपलब्ध जल को जुटाने की गुंजाइश और फालतू जल वाले क्षेत्रों से इन क्षेत्रों को जल के ट्रांसफर की संभावना का पता लगाना शामिल है । इस प्रकार के देशव्यापी अध्ययनों और अन्वेषणों का स्वरूप ऐसा है कि इनमें काफी समय लगेगा । इसके अतिरिक्त इसमें राष्ट्रव्यापी स्तर पर तकनीकी व्यवहार्यता, आर्थिक सक्षमता, कानूनी और पर्यावरण संबंधी पहलुओं जैसे कई विषय अन्तर्ग्रस्त हैं और इनका भी अध्ययन किया जा रहा है ।

Increase in Prices of Foodgrains due to increase in Freight Rate

8113. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains like rice and wheat are likely to cost more due to the freight rate increase in the Railway Budget;

(b) to what extent the price will be increased; and

(c) what will be its effect on pulses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). In the case of rice and wheat, average increase in freight has been worked out by Rail Tariff Enquiry Committee at 1.37 paise per KG. As the incidence of increase in freight on the prices of rice and wheat is insignificant, there has been no increase in the Central Issue Prices of rice and wheat.

(c) In the case of pulses, the average increase in freight has been worked out by the aforesaid Committee at 1.62 paise per KG.

Foodgrains destroyed by F.C.I., State-wise

8114. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many tonnes of damaged foodgrains were destroyed by F.C.I. in the year 1977-78 with State-wise break-up;

(b) the reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Out of the total quantity of 16.1 million tonnes of foodgrains stored by F.C.I. during the year 1977-78, a quantity of 2244.67 tonnes of damaged foodgrains was destroyed or dumped. A statement showing the State-wise break-up of foodgrains destroyed (dumped) is attached.

(b) Reasons were:

(i) rain during transit; (ii) leakage in godowns (iii) flooding due to heavy rains; (iv) cyclone; (v) high wind velocity damaging polythene covers in CAP storage thereby exposing grain to Sun and rain; and (vi) various insects and pests etc.

(c) Steps taken are:

(i) Provision of suitable plinths and crates in owned godowns; (ii) Pre-monsoon check up and repairs; (iii) Regular inspection system by qualified trained technical staff for enforcement of modern pest control measures; (iv) maximum use of covered wagons for

transportation; (v) in the case of open wagons, proper coverage by tarpaulines or polythene covers; and (vi) for open storage, raised plinths, wooden crates, nylon lashing, nets, covers, tops and periodical replacement of polythene covers besides regular aeration to avoid damage due to condensation.

With a view to add to scientifically constructed capacity and to reduce dependence on sub-standard hired capacity as also temporary storage like CAP, Government have undertaken a massive programme of constructing 3.6 million tonnes covered storage space with the World Bank assistance.

राज्यों की राजधानियों को जिला मुख्यालयों के साथ एस०टी०डी० सुविधा द्वारा जोड़ा जाना

8115. श्री लक्ष्मीनारायण नायक : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राज्यों की सम्बद्ध राजधानियों के साथ सभी जिला मुख्यालयों को एस० टी० डी० सुविधा द्वारा जोड़े जाने सम्बन्धी योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) उसे कब तक लागू किये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुखदेव साय) : (क) सरकार ने एस०टी०डी० द्वारा सभी जिला मुख्यालयों को उनकी संबंधित राजधानियों के साथ जोड़ने का लक्ष्य अपनाया है । इसके लिए इनकी आवश्यकता है :

(i) जिला मुख्यालयों में अभी भी करचल एक्सचेंज हैं उन्हें स्वचल एक्सचेंज बनाना,

(ii) इन एक्सचेंजों के आपस में जो उनके लिए ट्रंक स्वचल एक्सचेंजों की संस्थापना, और

(iii) उन्हें जोड़ने के लिए उच्च ग्रेड के भरोसेमन्द सर्किटों की पर्याप्त संख्या में व्यवस्था करना ।

(ख) कार्य का विस्तार इतना है कि इसका कार्यान्वयन चरणबद्ध रूप में किया जा रहा है जोकि आगामी 10-15 वर्षों में पूरा होगा ।

Village of Punjab not covered under Daily Distribution of Post

8116. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages of Punjab are not covered under daily distribution of post; and

(b) how many villages will be covered under Daily Dak Distribution *i.e.* village post worker in the year 1979-80 to make available the stamps, post cards etc. from the village small office in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) All villages in Punjab State are covered under the Daily Delivery Scheme.

(b) All villages of Punjab State are already covered under the Daily Delivery Scheme. No more village post workers are needed to achieve this purpose. Stamps and cards etc. are avilable at all the 3176 rural Post Offices and 1280 villages which are visited by mobile post offices.

Rat Menace in Mizoram

8117. SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether rat menace in Mizoram is under control; and

(b) measures being taken by Government to ensure that agricultural production programmes do not suffer as a result of increasing number of rats?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir. According to reports received from the Union Territory of Mizoram, effective rodent control operations were undertaken both in crop fields and in rural residential areas.