

Class III employees as also those belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of the community studying in the school.

None of the above mentioned schools receive financial assistance from the Central Government.

No instructions regarding concessions to students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes have been given by Government to any of the above mentioned schools.

#### **DUG Well Schemes under S.F.D.A. in Orissa**

9007. SHRI PABITRA MOHAN PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a complaint regarding defective, incomprehensive and damaging results sustained by the poor Small Farmers in the District of Dhenkanal Orissa, who have executed DUG WELL SCHEMES under the SMALL FARMERS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SFDA) which is financed by the Central Government sent by the Secretary, Dhenkanal District Kisan Sammelan; and

(b) if so, what steps/actions have been taken by the Ministry to ascertain the facts and for its remedy as has been sought to modification of the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

#### **I.C.A.R. Plan for Date Palm in Rajasthan**

9008. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ICAR has a plan to grow date palm in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION: (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has a plan to grow date palm in Rajasthan.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research through its Institutes namely Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur, initiated research in date palm plantation in the year 1968 when four varieties of date palm viz. Khadrawi, Medjool, Shamram and Hillawi were introduced from Abohar.

In view of the promising results obtained, 300 suckers of date palm of Hillawi and Medjool varieties were also obtained by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from California, U.S.A during 1978 for Rajasthan under a Project sponsored by United Nations Development Programme. Out of this 150 suckers were planted at Bikaner, 80 suckers at Bhojka and 4 suckers at Chandan in Jaisalmer District of Rajasthan. The performance of these varieties is under observation. The varieties whose performances is satisfactory will be further propagated and planted in the different regions of Rajasthan where climatic and soil conditions are favourable for date palm cultivation.

#### **Public Call Office in Sanosra Village Manavadar Taluka**

9009. SHRI DHARMASINHBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a P.C.O. has been sanctioned for Sanosra village in Manavadar taluka of Junagarh district of Gujarat;

(b) if so, when and the reasons for not setting up this P.C.O. so far;

(c) whether the Gram Panchayat, Sanosra, had made applications on the 7th November, 1978 and the 6th February, 1979 to the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices,