

(d): In so far as the demands for promotion of Sindhi language and literature are concerned, it is Government's policy to encourage all Indian languages, including Sindhi, and to provide facilities for their development.

For the development of Sindhi the Government have undertaken a scheme to bring out educative books in Sindhi for the benefit of Students and Sindhi-speaking people in general. An Advisory Committee of Sindhi Scholars has been set up to advise the Government on the implementation of this scheme.

To encourage Sindhi Writers, an annual prize scheme for outstanding Sindhi books, and a scheme of holding workshops for new Sindhi Writers and bulk purchase of selected Sindhi books of literary merit have been instituted. The Government are giving assistance to Akhil Bharat Sindhi Boli and Sahit Sabha under the Scheme of assistance to voluntary agencies for promotion of Indian languages for holding of Seminars on Sindhi. The Sahitya Akademi has brought out a number of books in Sindhi and given Akademi Awards to distinguished Sindhi Writers. The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore has prepared special teaching material for teaching Sindhi. Training is also being conducted to train teachers in Sindhi at the Regional Training Centre conducted to train teachers in Sindhi ment of India.

Damage of wheat stored in open air godown at Dehu, Pune

5017. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many bags of wheat is stored in the open Air Godown project at Dehu near Pune in Maharashtra;

(b) what are the yearly figures of damaged or destroyed wheat during the last three years in the said godown;

(c) what short term measures Government have proposed this year to preserve and protect the wheat stock in this open godown in recent monsoon; and

(d) what long term measures are proposed to avoid the recurrence of such wastage of foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a): About 14.6 lakh bags (1,46,000 tonnes) of wheat.

(b): The quantity of wheat damaged and rendered unfit for human consumption during the last three years is given below:

1977-78	3776 tonnes
1978-79	7005 tonnes
1979-80	4816 tonnes

(c): The foodgrain stocks are stored on plinths with wooden crates for dunnage. They are covered with specially fabricated polythene covers, cover tops and nylon nets and securely tied with nylon ropes to prevent blowing off of covers due to high wind velocity, storms etc. and protect them from rain. Periodical replacement of old polythene covers with new covers is arranged, wherever necessary, to ensure protection of foodgrains.

(d): The CAP storage was resorted to as an emergency measure to overcome shortage of covered storage accommodation. Construction of covered godowns has been taken up on a large scale to replace CAP storage as early as possible.

Average intake of fish, meat and eggs

5018. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average intake of fish, Meat and Eggs has recorded any appreciable increase in the last decade; and

(b) if so, the percentage of such increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Estimates indicate that per capita availability in 1978 as against 1971, has gone up by 7.6 per cent for fish and 6.4 per cent for meat. For eggs the increase was 22.4 per cent in 1977-78 over 1973-74.

Capitation fee in private Engineering Colleges

5019. **SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Private Engineering Colleges functioning in Karnataka State at present;

(b) the capitation fees levied for admission into these colleges; and

(c) what are the details regarding the capitation fees with regard to admission from the students belonging to Karnataka, non-Karnataka and from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) As per information received from the State Government, the number of Private Engineering Colleges not receiving any assistance from the State Government, which started functioning upto the academic session 1979-80 is 13.

(b) and (c). According to information furnished by the State Government, the capitation fee prescribed for admission to these colleges is Rs. 5,000—for Karnataka students and Rs. 10,000/- for non-Karnataka students including foreign students.

S.T.D. between Jamnagar-Ahmedabad

5020. **SHRI D. P. JADEJA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand to contact Jamnagar with Ahmedabad by S.T.D.;

(b) if so, whether the test etc. has been done; and

(c) when the line is likely to be open?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Test etc. will be completed after converting the existing medium into a large capacity system.

(c) STD between Jamnagar and Ahmedabad is likely to be commissioned during the current Plan period.

सागवाड़ा ब्लॉक, राजस्थान में "समन्वित बाल विकास खंड"

5021. **श्री सीखा भाई :** क्या समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान राज्य में गड़ी ब्लॉक में एक "समन्वित बाल विकास खंड" स्थापित किया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो क्या इसके निकट ही सागवाड़ा ब्लॉक में एक "समन्वित बाल विकास खंड" स्थापित करने के बारे में किसी प्रतिनिधि की ओर से मांग प्राप्त हुई है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने उस मांग पर विचार किया है ?

शिक्षा तथा स्वास्थ्य और समाज कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी हां ।

(ग) भविष्य में जैसे और जब इस कार्यक्रम का विस्तार किया जाएगा तो राजस्थान राज्य को और समेकित बाल विकास परियोजनाएं नियत करने पर विचार किया जाएगा । सागवाड़ा में एक समेकित बाल विकास परियोजना स्थापित करने पर राज्य सरकार से सिफारिश के माध्यम पर विचार किया जाएगा ।

Crash programme for manufacture of telephone equipment

5022. **SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry or the Indian Telephone Industries Ltd., Bangalore, have chalked out any crash-programme for the production of various types of telephone equipment in the country to ease the