

for help. As many as 200 jawans were deployed for extinguishing the fire and salvaging the stocks. In addition fire tenders were rushed from Patna also and the fire could be brought under control and completely extinguished on 4-5-1980. In total 32 stacks containing 32,345 bags were affected. The segregation/salvaging operations are in progress. The loss of foodgrains in quantity and its monetary value will be known exactly only on completion of salvaging operations. A FIR has been lodged with the police to investigate the cause of fire and their report is awaited.

Opening of more Post Offices

1633. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to open some more Post Offices in the country during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Annual Plan 1980-81 of the P&T Department earlier approved by the Planning Commission, the proposal is to open about 5,000 new rural post offices. This is, however, subject to modification in the light of the revised Five Year Plan 1980-85 as may be finally approved by the Planning Commission.

Interest on Post Office Time Deposits for the Period between Maturity and Payment

1634. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that post office time deposit, though payable on maturity according to TD Rule 9, are not paid up on due date by sub-post

offices and depositors are asked to apply with their pass books for obtaining the sanction of the Head Post Office;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no interest is paid to the depositors for the intervening period;

(c) if so, the reasons why the sanction of the Head Post Office is necessary when no interest accrues after the date of maturity; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) Yes, Sir. If the application is not made sufficiently in advance of the date of maturity.

(b) Yes, as the intervening period is less than a month which is the minimum period for earning post-maturity interest.

(c) In the Post Office Savings Bank, an account in which interest is payable can be closed only with the sanction of the Head Post Office.

(d) The question of authorising Sub-Post Offices to make repayment of Time Deposits is under consideration.

Enrolment of Students in University

1635. SHRI A. K. BALAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students enrolled in the universities, departments of study and colleges affiliated/federated to the universities in the academic year 1979-80;

(b) the number-wise distribution of students studying for Arts (Humanities), Science, Commerce, Engineering, Agriculture, Law and Medicine at the pass course level (Under-graduate) in the academic year 1979-80;

(c) the number of schools and colleges under private and Public sectors and its State-wise distribution; and

(d) the names and number of Engineering and Medical Colleges in Private and Public Sector in the various States?

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

(a) The enrolment figures in universities and colleges for 1979-80 have not been compiled yet. However, the total enrolment in universities and colleges during 1978-79 was 26,18,228. This does not include the enrolment in intermediate/pre-degree/junior colleges.

(b) The distribution of students of first degree courses during 1978-79 according to their subjects of study is as follows:—

Arts, including Oriental Learning	9,40,280
Science	4,33, 796
Commerce	4,65,328
Education	63,404
Engineering/Technology	99,683
Medicine	95,617
Agriculture	30,382
Veterinary Science	5,577
Law	1,61,345
Others	9,319
	22,94,785

(c) Two statements one for schools and another for colleges, are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-963|80]

(d) Two separate statements, one of engineering colleges and another of medical colleges, are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-963|80]

Agro-Industrial Complexes in Karnataka

1636. **SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agro-industrial complexes are to be set up in Karnataka State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). It is proposed to develop a pilot project for Rural Agro Industrial Complex in Karnataka. This involves research in development of suitable vegetable varieties, production of fruits and vegetables in a large contiguous area and setting up of processing and marketing facilities in the heart of the area for integrated working of production, processing and marketing. Government of Bulgaria will collaborate in this venture.

The production will be undertaken by farmers with technical advice and inputs provided by Farmers' Service Societies over an area of 5,000 hectares. The processing unit to be set up will produce 3,600 tonnes of tomato-paste, 1,650 tonnes of mango pulp and about 500 tonnes of canned vegetables. The first phase of research and development namely laying out of demonstration plots varietal trials of vegetables and its extension in the project area has been in progress.

The total cost of the Project is expected to be Rs. 266 lakhs.

Withholding of U. G. C. Grants to J.B. M.B.M.M. College, Charkhi Dadri (Haryana)

1637. **SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that University Grants Commission grant for library in J.R.M.B.M.M. College Charkhi Dadri (Haryana) has been withheld;